

# Outcast Magician and the Power of Heretics

## Arc 2 - Arsenia Magic Academy

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## Chapter 32: Morning in Aquaristan

With the morning sun shining through the window, Seiya opened his eyes and looked around.

Right now Seiya was staying with the Arunia family in his new room. He was supposed to be alone here, but his hands were enveloped in something soft.

Even if he tried to get out of the bed, these two “restraints” didn’t let him. Having no other choice he said:

「Yua, Lily, wake up. It’s morning already, we will be late」

When Seiya said so, the restraining force vanished and two beautiful girls opened their eyes.

A beautiful girl with white hair and red eyes was hugging his right arm.

Another beautiful girl with blue hair and blue eyes was hugging his left arm.  
(TN: Explode)

It wasn’t an exaggeration to call these girls absolutely beautiful, and these beauties were emerging from his bed. Moreover, they were naked.

「Get a grip you two. What are you doing here? 」

「Because I missed Seiya.....」

「Because my sister was in your room」

Hearing their nonsensical reasons, he made a wry smile, and they skillfully diverted the topic.

「Seiya.....If you don’t hurry up you will be late.....」

「Right, Seiya! Let’s go to school! 」(TN: Started with mature lady, woke up with a loli. Is she legal?)

「Don’t pull on me, wear something first」

After dressing the two naked girls that tried to leave the room as they were, Seiya headed to the dining room.

When they arrived in the dining room, Yua's parents were already there and greeted them.

「You finally got up」

「Good morning Yua-chan, Seiya-kun, Lily-chan」

「Good morning.....father, mama.....」(TN: Yes, it's mama)

「Good morning」

「Good morning!」

Having finished their morning greetings, the trio arrived at their seats.

From the right to the left, the sitting order was: Yua, Seiya, Lily. Soon, servants brought the plates and breakfast officially started.

As soon as breakfast began, Raiga, sitting in front of Seiya, started talking.

「From today forward, Seiya and Lily will be attending Arsenia Magic Academy with Yua. As I said yesterday, we adopted Lily as Yua's little sister while Seiya was registered as our retainer. Understood?」

「Yes」

「All right!」

Actually, today was Monday and at the same time it was the first day of their new school life.

「And Seiya will be in the same class as Yua」

「As expected from you」

「My dear is overprotective after all」

After Kana said that, as expected, Lily asked a question.

「And Lily?」

「You are registered as a trainee. You are free to do what you want and can visit Seiya during breaks. However during the classes it's prohibited」

「All right!」

「Thank you, dad.....」

「Don't worry about it, Yua」

Yua thanked her father with a happy look, and Raiga and Kana were looking at her with a gentle expression.

「Also, Seiya. Don't flirt too much at school」

「I know」

Seiya eyed Raiga with an annoyed look, but thinking about everything that happened already, he discovered that he might just do it.

After all, Lily and Seiya stayed in this house for a whole week already.

After they finished breakfast and dressed up, Seiya headed for Arsenia Magic Academy ahead of Lily and Yua.

According to the family register, Seiya was lower in status compared to Lily, who was adopted by Arunia family.

And just like that, the academy first decided to test Seiya. The test was scheduled in the morning of his first day.

Yua already taught him how to get to the Arsenia Magic Academy, so Seiya was able to arrive without any problems.

It was a large school building with a big fence surrounding it. Compared to Senabia Magic Academy, the design was different, but the general outline stayed the same.

Seiya entered the academy and talked with a guide.

Seiya learned about the location of the faculty room, and proceeded to climb the stairs to the second floor. While he climbed, Seiya thought of the past.

When he was climbing the stairs of Senabia Magic Academy back then, he was filled with nothing more than disgust and reluctance.

But right now Seiya was exited, it was the start of his new life.

While thinking about his future, he arrived at the faculty room.

「Excuse me. I'm Kiritsuna Seiya, here to join the 2-A class. I was told to come here first thing in the morning」

When Seiya opened the door, everyone inside looked at him.

There were a lot of disappointed eyes that seemed to be saying「Is this the retainer of a special magician? 」,「He doesn't look that strong」,「He feels somewhat normal」, but Seiya ignored them and patiently waited. (TN: Eyes are

really talkative in this novel)

Then a woman walked towards Seiya.

「You are Kiritsuna Seiya-kun, right?」

「Yes」

「I'm your homeroom teacher Yayuna Laniskale. Best regards」(TN: Gosh, her name was incomprehensible)

「Treat me well」

The woman who introduced herself as a homeroom teacher gave off a gentle and kind atmosphere.

Yayuna had long pink hair and pearl-like eyes, she seemed to be a direct opposite of his previous homeroom teacher Lamia.

Seiya thought that she is definitely popular with the students.

「All right, let get to the test then」

「Right here?」

Seiya was surprised at the sudden development, but Yayuna answered with never-changing smile.

「That's right. The test's content is simple. Try to release all of your mana, but do not target objects, only teachers」

「I see. I just need to release it without aiming at anything in particular?」

「By the way, if you hit the majority of teachers here, you will pass」

Said Yayuna with an amused expression. Seiya was a bit confused watching her. (TN: What if she is actually an S.....)

Full release, as the name suggests, means that the magician has to release all of his mana at once.

As an example, during the battle with the lightning beast in the Great Dalis Canyon, 『Holy Law』used by Yua and 『Dark Tremor』used by Seiya were close to full release.

Full release is used as a method to roughly gauge the ability of a magician.

But Seiya was confused, he didn't understand to what degree should he should release his mana.

After he awakened his power he always fought with magical beasts or the lightning beast or Undine. But they definitely shouldn't be used as the measure.

So, if he makes a mistake, a teacher might be injured or even lose his life.

If he kills a teacher here, he will be refused admission 9 out of 10. Thinking among those lines, Seiya released about 30% of his mana. (TN: More like 11 out of 10)

「Understood. Release」

「Eh?」

Yayuna was surprised at his words, as were the rest of the teachers.

Because Seiya released all of his mana without a chant.

Normally, full release requires a chant belonging to one of the four attributes, and without it full release shouldn't be possible.

And Seiya made a full release without a chant. (TN: Dang, I remembered a certain hentai movie)

But that wasn't everything that surprised them.

At the next moment, several teachers fainted, facing the mana wave.

Normally, if a magician receives a wave of mana, there should be a mana wall surrounding his body. It's not common for people to faint because of that.

However, Seiya's mana entered their bodies and affected their organs and brain directly.

As a result, some of the teachers succumbed to the pressure.

Seiya didn't understand this and further raised the amount of mana, but in a panic, Yayuna stops him.

「All right, Seiya. That's enough」

「But it's only 30%.....」

「T-that was 30%?!」

「Eh, kind of」

「Just how much mana do y-you have?」

「I do not know that myself.....」

Hearing his words, the teachers received a shock, but Seiya didn't mind and said:

「By the way, do I pass?」

「Yes, no problem here. You can't possibly fail if you have the power to make the teachers faint」

「I see. Then everything is good」

While he was filling necessary papers in the faculty room, the chime, signaling the start of classes, rang.

And along with Yayuna, his homeroom teacher, Seiya went to his new classroom.

# Chapter 33: Seiya's Class

There was a commotion in Seiya's new class right now.

「Hey, it seems a transfer student is coming today」

「Really?」

「Male? Female? 」

It seems that the rumors about the transfer student have already reached the classroom.

「It seems he is a guy」

「I wonder who he is」

「Is he a pretty boy?」 (TN: Ikemen)

「I don't know that much」

The transfer student was a hot topic in the classroom. A lot of people were looking forward to see their new classmate.

When the chime rang, Yayuna entered the classroom and the students took their seats.

Of course, there was also Yua, sitting in the back row, close to the window. And around Yua, there were girls sitting as if surrounding her.

Then, as Yayuna was sitting, she declared to the students:

「Today I will introduce to you a new friend. He is Kiritsuna Seiya-kun. Please come in」

Hearing Yayuna, Seiya obediently stepped into the classroom.

Looking at the new transfer student, the boys thought that he was kind of normal, and the girls thought that he was somewhat cute. A lot of people directed their eyes at him.

Then Seiya faced the class and said his greeting.

「I'm Kiritsuna Seiya, I will be in your care from now on. I'm an elementary

magician of light attribute, best regards」 (TN: Okay...) As a matter of course, Seiya said that he specializes in the light attribute, and failed to mention his dark attribute.

Classmates were curiously eyeing Seiya, but he didn't care. Only Yua, the girl in the back row, was in his line of sight.

「Seiya-kun, please sit there, it's empty right now」  
「All right」

Listening to Yayuna, he sat in his new seat

Seiya's seat was in the second row close to the corridor. When Seiya took his seat, students around him wanted to approach him, but they were in the middle of the class and restrained themselves.

The system in Arsenia Magic Academy was the same as in Senabia Magic Academy, six hours a day. Therefore, a sufficient amount of rest was provided between lectures.

During the break, students tried to approach Seiya.

「I'm Aruna, best regards」

An orange-colored girl with a short-hair sitting on his left named herself as Aruna and shook his hand. Seiya felt that she was an active type of a girl who always smiled.

「I'm Glenn, hello」

The boy that named himself Glenn was sitting in front of him.

Glenn had a short black hair and was wearing a refreshing smile on his face.

「I am Connie. Nice to meet you」 (TN Koni as a variant)

The student seating diagonally to the left of Seiya was Connie. He had yellow hair and was wearing glasses. He seemed to be the knowledgeable type. (TN: His gender wasn't mentioned by the way) When Seiya finished re-introducing himself, everyone around him fired a barrage of questions in his direction.

First of all, Aruna asked a question.

「Kiritsuna seems like a rare surname. It should be a pretty famous name, is

there anyone with the same surname?」

「Only me, it's no wonder you didn't hear about my surname」

「Oh, I see. I'm sorry」

「It's fine」

Aruna immediately apologized, but Seiya didn't mind.

She apologized because she thought that Seiya was the only one left. In fact, however, he didn't know much himself.

The next to ask a question was Glenn.

「Where are you from? Do you live in Aquaristan?」

「I'm from Windistan」

「That is quite far away. How rare」

「Kind of」

It is rare for people to transfer, but it's not like this never happens.

Sometimes people transfer because of their work, but even then it is in boundaries of Aquaristan.

So in the end, students like Seiya were quite rare.

Because Seiya answered Glenn's question, Connie wanted to ask next, but was interrupted by a loud angry voice.

「Huh? Why did that happen? 」

The voice was resounding from the back of the classroom. There three boys and four girls were arguing with each other, and Yua was behind those girls.

Seiya looked at the quarrelling people, while Aruna and Glenn said.

「They are doing it again. They never tire」

「Well, both parties are stubborn after all」

「Even so, I would have got bored already」

Facing the two, Seiya asked.

「What are they doing?」

「Oh, you don't know yet」

「You better not involve yourself in that one」

「Yeah, you should be careful around them Seiya-kun. Otherwise you might get some troubles on your head」

Three people said that it is better not to involve yourself, but he had to. It seemed like Yua was involved one way or another, and Yua was his fiancée.

That's why he asked them for details.

「So, is this a fight?」

「Seiya-kun is quite curious~」

「Well, I guess it does not matter if you know」

「I also agree」(TN: Henceforth I assume Connie to be male, unless stated otherwise, screw it) Looking for confirmation from Glenn and Connie, Aruna explained the circumstances.

「Fine then. Um, Seiya-kun, there is a beautiful white-haired girl behind them, right?」

「Yeah」

Seiya was convinced.

It was Yua, she was the cause of that argument. And he was about to be involved too.

「Her name is Yua Arunia. A member of a special magician's family」

「Oh」

Seiya knew, but pretended to be unaware to avoid questions.

「And the four girls around Yua-sama are her royal guards」

「Royal guards!?!」

This was something incomprehensible, for them to be her guards of all things.

Raiga said that she had no friends, but she had a royal guard for some reason.

Seeing his surprised expression, Aruna explained further.

「Those girls will crush every boy that tries to approach her」

「And what will happen if someone does approach her?」

「Are you planning to get close to her? You'd better quit. You will throw away your future school life」

「I see.....」

Apparently it was his destiny to throw away his calm school life.

His happy school life ended on his first day after transfer, he thought it was somewhat funny.

「That is dangerous.....」

「Certainly Yua is cute, but you will die before you get closer. Some of the members of the royal guard are advanced magicians」

「That's too.....」

「Well, the best way is to stay away」

Even if they say to stay away, Seiya is already too close.

Seiya thought what to do from now on, while Connie and Glenn continued their explanation.

「There is also a fan club in the name of Yua-sama among the boys」 (TN: Don't worry Seiya, I will be with you till the end)

「Fan club?!」

「Yes, it is a club that is formed from 80% of the male population. Of course there are also advanced magicians, like in the guard」

Yua-san, you have a fan club and a royal guard, why can't you make any friends? This question suddenly floated inside his head, but he then remembered her trust problems.

「And what kind of activities does this club do?」

「They are trying to approach her」

「I see」

Having learned about the existence of this fun club, Seiya somehow understood a lot about this academy.

In other words, men are trying to approach her, while women are trying to prevent it.

「Is it always so intense?」

It was a bit too intense for a fight. Seeing a glimpse of his own bleak future, he asked that question.

「That might not be true」

「It's usually calmer」

「Then why?」

「That's because Yua-san came to school after a long absence」

Seiya finally understood everything with Aruna's explanation.

After being kidnapped, she spent all her time beside Seiya, until they reached Aquaristan.

Meanwhile, the academy was still active, but Yua wasn't able to attend it.

That means that Yua wasn't around for a while. (TN: Was this explanation necessary?) 「I got it」

After he said that, Seiya looked at Yua. And their eyes aligned.

Apparently, Yua was watching Seiya, and Seiya's eyes seemed to say「You are a bunch of problems」.

Receiving his eye contact, she puffed her cheeks and emanated a pouting appeal.

Seiya wanted to rescue her, but because he didn't want to cause problems on his first day here, he looked away.

Yua understood that he won't rescue her, so she made a move herself.

She stood up and walked towards the corridor.

Seeing her move, the members of the guard and the fan club also tried to follow her.

But just before Yua entered the corridor, she suddenly turned to the left, and proceeded towards the front of the classroom.

(Yua.....no way....)

What if she wanted to approach him? Thought Seiya.

And as expected, Yua walked to Seiya's seat and sat on his lap.

「「「!?」」」

The whole classroom was stunned by Yua's behavior.

But her expression of love was not over yet.

Yua lifted Seiya's arm and positioned it as if he was embracing her. She seemed to say that she was already claimed.

I'm finished..... (TN: I believe in you, my Emperor)

Seiya understood, his calm school life has ended.

# Chapter 34: Seiya's Fiancée

Seeing Yua walking up to Seiya, sitting on his lap, hugging herself with his arm, the classmates became paralyzed.

Aruna was the first one to start moving.

With a surprised expression she asked.

「Se-seiya-kun and Yua-san's know each other!？」

It's too late to play a fool now. So Seiya decided to tell everyone that he is staying at her house.

But before Seiya managed to do so, Yua, sitting on his lap, dropped a sudden bomb.

「Seiya is my fiancé.....」

「.....Eh?」

Aruna was stunned at Yua's statement. Judging by her face, she didn't seem to understand anything.

And the surrounding classmates, although already surprised, completely froze.

Seiya ignored them, and complained to Yua.

「Yua – 」

「Seiya is a bully.....」

Seiya tried to complain, but Yua was the first one to do so...

Facing such a Yua, he retorted.

「No, you just made quite an explosive declaration」

「Explosive declaration?」

「It is about fiancé. In the morning, Raiga explicitly told us to not tell anyone」

「Come to think of it.....」

I remembered! Facing her enlightened face, Seiya expresses his

dissatisfaction.

「Thanks to you, my fun school life came to an end.....」

「It's fine.....You can have fun with me.....」

「That's right.....」

Seiya answered with a depressed face. It was the first time he thought that his fiancée was such an amazing person.

There, Yua, sitting on his lap, made a seductive appeal. But in the face of her appeal, Seiya just dispiritedly patted her head.

She received Seiya's patting and made a happy expression, then she relaxed and entrusted her back to him.

At this moment Seiya completely gave up and continued to pat her head.

And while Seiya was stroking Yua's head, the classmates finally woke up. Their eyes seemed to ask just who the hell he was. (TN: Again, eyes just like to talk in this novel) Classmates saw the relationship between Seiya and Yua and most of the students looked at them curiously, but some students were watching with a different emotion.

That is, Yua-sama's royal guard and Yua-sama's fan club, that were fighting just a minute ago.

From these two groups, a lot of bloodthirsty stares were directed his way.

Seiya felt slightly uncomfortable facing their bloodlust, but compared to the magical beasts in the Great Dalis Canyon, it was like a spring breeze.

Then, a chime for the second period rang, and classmates were forced to disperse.

Everyone returned to their seats with somewhat weird facial expressions.

The royal guard immediately tried to question Yua upon returning, but she assumed a dismissive attitude.

Curious eyes were directed not only at Yua, but also at Seiya. Of course, his neighbors included.

「Seiya-kun, what was that?」

「You.....fiancé.....」

Aruna and Glenn pressed Seiya for an explanation, but Connie was still frozen for some reason.

Seiya wanted to give them the answer, but he had a hard time picking the right words.

It takes a long time to explain, and his explanation involves a lot of secrets. So he decided to tell the abridged version.

「It's just as she said」

「Oh, I see」

「Even so, that was a big surprise」

「Is it rare for a student to have a marriage agreement?」

「Well, it's not that uncommon....」

It wasn't a rare occurrence to have a marriage agreement while being a student.

Magician families are often interacting with each other, and they meet a lot of people since a young age. Among them, some are matching each other, while others aren't.

If they want it, they might be allowed to engage with each other.

After engagement, the two people will belong to one family, usually to the one with higher status.

For example, in their case, Seiya is an elementary magician, while Yua is from a special magician family, so after marriage he will belong to the Arunia family.

「Then isn't it fine? 」

「It is certainly normal, but this is Yua-san we are talking about」

「That's right. She is treated like a goddess in this school. And you are her fiancé.... 」 (TN: She has qualifications to be the goddess though)

「Well, a lot happened and that's how it ended up」

Aruna and Glenn's eyes were saying「Who is this guy? 」. And Seiya was calmly waiting for the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson.

Although the chime rang, the teacher still wasn't here. And until he came,

Seiya was subjected to a variety of venomous and curious stares.

Some girls who thought of him as cute in the beginning were completely stunned right now.

And the boys of the fan club were trying to kill him with their stares.

In the meantime, the teacher finally came and the second lesson started.

The second hour began, and Seiya finally relaxed.

But Seiya didn't know. During the next break time, a certain blue-haired beautiful little girl will bring him a new headache.

# Chapter 35: Lily's Class

Arsenia Magic Academy is located in the middle of the Aquaristan region in the center of Moru city.

Moru city is filled with beautiful waterways and fountains. And among the entire Leiria Kingdom, it is known as a famous sightseeing spot. There are plenty of tourists here all the time.

And currently, inside the Arsenia Magic Academy, the second lesson was in progress.

However, since there were no teachers in the trainees' classroom, trainees were free to use this time for self-study.

But although it was in the middle of the lesson, the class was unusually noisy.

Most of the boys were desperately trying to talk with a girl in the center of a crowd.

A young girl with blue eyes and beautiful blue hair was in the center of this crowd, and she was looking around anxiously.

「Hey, Lily-san, where are you from?」

「Arunia is Yua-sama's surname, right?」

「What magic can you use?」

They were burying this young girl under an avalanche of questions.

「Would you like to study with me?」

「Do not step ahead of everyone, how about studying with me?」

「Then how about me?」

They were trying to get close to this young girl.

And the name of a beautiful blue-haired girl was Lily. (TN: Dun dun duuun!) Boys were trying to approach her and start a conversation.

If you are to do something like this during the lesson, the teacher will get

angry. However, there are no teachers in the trainees' classroom.

「Etto, etto」

Lily didn't know how to answer all these questions. That was normal. After all, Lily was living in the Great Dalis Canyon and rarely met people.

Even if someone came, adult version of Lily dealt with them, so she had no chance to converse with anyone. Especially with men.

If she switched to her adult version right now, the conversation will proceed, but then everyone will know that she is the Undine.

If that happens, there is a possibility that she will be forced to drop out. So Lily had promised to Seiya that she won't become an adult version in the school.

「Hey, let's train together. I am from an advanced magician family」

「I am also from an advanced magician family. Let's work together, Lily-san」

「I am from an intermediate magician family but let's do it together」

「Please study with me, Lily-san」

Without noticing her flustered appearance, the boys invited Lily to do self-training with increasing vigor.

The young girl, surrounded by the swarm of boys, was incredibly troubled.

「Etto, etto」

Then, a certain girl saved Lily from her predicament.

「Hey, boys. You are troubling Lily-san. As a class head I will guide her around, so you should continue your self-study」

This girl had a short red hair. She reached with her hand to Lily and said.

「Lily-san, let's go.」

「Un」

The red-haired girl tried to save her from the horde of hungry beasts.

Her eyes were as red as her beautiful hair. If you call the blue-haired Lily a sapphire, then she is a ruby.

But the boys didn't let her escape so easily.

「Oi, wait」

「That's right. Lily-san will study with us right now」

「Yes, even if you are a class head it's too tyrannical」

「Right, right」

Male students complained to the red-haired girl, that tried to save Lily.

Apparently they already decided that Lily will study with them. The girl with red hair says, as if looking down on them: 「Control your urges. Or do you want to have a duel? 」

Suddenly, strong pressure was released from the girl with red hair.

It was quite powerful for a trainee, and the boys easily got intimidated.

The red-haired girl ignored the boys and brought Lily out of the classroom, into the courtyard.

There were many fountains with benches around them, and the two sat down on one of them.

「Are you alright, Lily-san? I'm sorry for our boys」

There was no pressure emanating from the red-haired girl, she looked very kind.

Lily wanted to thank the girl, but she remembered that she didn't know her name.

「Etto, thank you. Etto....」

「Oh, sorry. I didn't introduce myself yet. I'm your classmate and the head of the class, you can call me Nari」

The girl with red hair introduced herself as Nari.

「Thanks Nari! I'm Lily, you can call me Lily! Also, don't be so polite! 」 (TN: She meant without honorifics and polite speech (keigo))

「All right, best regards Lily」

「Un!」

Thanks to Nari, Lily regained her previous vigor.

「By the way, did you transfer from somewhere?」

「Wrong」

「Then this is your first time in magic academy?」

「Un!」

When Lily answered that she was attending a magic academy for the first time, Nari suddenly assumed a sister-like atmosphere and proposed to Lily.

「I see, then I'll show you around」

「Really? Thank you! 」

After that, they roamed around the school for the whole 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.

On the way, they were found by their homeroom teacher, but with a guidance as a reason they were permitted to walk around.

When the two of them finished walking around the school, the chime, signaling the end of the second hour, just rang.

「It's break right now. Let's return to the classroom, Lily」

「Yes!」

Hearing the word “break”, Lily remembered a certain matter.

「What's wrong, Lily?」

「Lily should head to the principal's office. It's entry greetings or something」

As she said, Lily and Seiya were called to the principal's office for a talk. Nari made an understanding expression and asked.

「Do you know where it is?」

「I don't know, but I have a place to go before that!」

「Where?」

「Etto, class 2-A!」

Lily was asked to go to the principal's office together with Seiya, so she wanted to find him first.

「I see, do you know the way?」

「It's more or less fine!」

「Then I will go to the classroom, so please come to the classroom when you are finished」

「Thanks Nari!」

「It's okay, we are friends after all」

「Un!」

After saying their good byes, they split up.

Nari returns to the classroom and Lily tries to locate Seiya.

Because they are bound by the contract, she can sense his location.

And she found him pretty easily.

# Chapter 36: Seiya's Hardships

There was a heated atmosphere in class 2-A.

That was due to Yua-sama's fan club and Yua-sama's royal guard, of course.

For a while already, Yua was resting on Seiya's lap and receiving his head pats. And Seiya was glad to oblige.

Of course, the two groups won't stay silent forever.

So the two groups questioned Seiya.

「You, what do you mean about being Yua-sama's fiancé?」

「That's right!」

Said the members of the royal guard, while intensely staring. Apparently not just the royal guards, but the fan club was interested to hear an explanation.

「Hey you, what are you planning to do?」

「That's right, for you to be Yua-sama's fiancé」

「Yua-sama, if he blackmailed you, please say it!」

「The royal guard will protect you, please tell us the truth」

The fan club and the royal guard interpreted it as a blackmail and were awaiting the "truth".

However, Yua just closed her eyes pleasantly and completely ignored them.

So the two groups had no choice but to direct their eyes at Seiya.

「Hey, immediately release Yua-sama」

「If you do that, the royal guard will let you off」

「Make a decision quickly」

Hearing the words of the royal guard, Seiya made a troubled face.

「If you want to approach Yua-sama, enter the fan club. That's the rule of this school」

「For those who break the rules, the fan club will administer punishment!」

The two groups demanded for Seiya to follow their unreasonable rules.

They even tried to scare him with punishment. But from his point of view, this punishment can't hold a candle to the monsters of the Great Dalis Canyon.

But still, he couldn't just erase these two groups. Erasing your classmates on your first day is rather inappropriate. (TN: I wish you could) In the end, the troubled Seiya turned his eyes towards Aruna pleading for help.

But Aruna looked away with a "please spare me" face, Connie and Glenn also followed suit.

Seeing Seiya's behavior, Yua said:

「You just looked at another woman.....」

「Wait, Yua. This couldn't be helped」

Seiya was further troubled by her unreasonableness. In response, Yua puffed her cheeks and made a displeased appeal.

「Muu....」

「Forgive me」

When Seiya started patting her again, she immediately narrowed her eyes and relaxed. They really looked like a good couple.

However, the mood of the fan club and the royal guard was worsening by the second.

「You even called Yua-sama without honorifics.....」

「Have more respect」

「That's right! Stop patting her head!」

「Why are you not answering?」

Being told so far, even Seiya thought of this as troublesome, so he decided to say just one thing.

He already lost his peaceful life after all.

「You are annoying」

Facing his stare, the two groups faltered for a moment. There was a faint killing intent in his eyes.

But they were magicians after all, so they immediately replied

「What do you mean by annoying?」

「Yes, we were just warning you」

「We can still protect you from the fan club」

「That's why, hurry up and release Yua-sama」(TN: Must say, I was irritated halfway through the translation. Really want to throw a dark sphere on them)  
Apparently the royal guard proposed to protect him from the fan club. But he couldn't just release Yua.

In the first place, if the two groups really fought with Seiya, the possibility of winning would be zero.

Seiya was in a completely different league from them.

However, it is difficult for adolescent boys and girls to calmly analyze his abilities. So they refused to withdraw.

「You want to have a fun school life, right?」

「Kind of」

Seeing him ignore the royal guard, the fan club asked. And Seiya answered the truth.

「Then you should enter the fan club」

「That way, we can talk to Yua-sama equally」

「Ha?」

Seiya found this rather incomprehensible.

He couldn't understand why he, a fiancé, should lower himself to their position.

This proposal was an absolute bullshit, but the two groups prompted him to answer.

「Just decide already」

「Will you accept the protection of the royal guard?」

The fan club wanted an answer. The royal guard wanted it too.

「Enter the fan club」

「Right」

The whole classroom was wrapped in an unusual atmosphere.

Students outside of the royal guard and the fan club took their distance from Seiya, Aruna's group included.

The two groups surrounded a student on his first day. But Yua ignored the commotion and continued relaxing.

But this atmosphere was blown away by a vibrant voice.

「Seiya!」

A beautiful blue-haired girl with a cheerful voice entered the classroom. And as soon as she discovered Seiya, she immediately hugged him from the back.

「Good job finding me, Lily」

「Yup! Amazing, right?!」

「Yep」

While clinging to Seiya's back, Lily noticed Yua sitting on his lap.

「Ah, big sister!」

「「「「「「「「「「「Big sister!?!」」」」」」」」」」」

Classmates were surprised at her statement, and closely looked at her.

Certainly, Lily is a beautiful girl like Yua, but her appearance is quite different from Yua, so their stares were justified.

Not caring about her classmates, Yua talks to Lily.

「How is the academy, Lily?」

「It's fun! I made a friend!」

「I'm glad.....」

Hearing that she found a friend, Seiya and Yua made a relieved face.

Seiya and Yua were worrying about her being a fairy and attending the academy, so when they heard that she made a friend, they were glad from the bottom of their hearts.

After they calmed down, Lily said:

「Seiya, let's go to principal's office, quickly!」

「Come to think of it. Yua, I will go meet the principal」

「All right.....」

Said Yua and returned to her seat.

Seiya and Lily left the classroom, on their way they heard a voice saying「Since when does Yua-sama have a younger sister? 」(TN: Big misunderstanding temporarily avoided?) Feeling sorry for Yua, Seiya heads to the principal's office.

As they left the classroom, Lily immediately grasped his hand. And holding each other's hands, they proceeded to principal's office.

# Chapter 37: Selena

Arsenia Magic Academy is as large as Senabia Magic Academy, so you can't see a lot of people in the corridors.

However, even if there is almost no one around, someone spotted Seiya and Lily walking hand in hand. Therefore, this someone calls out to them.

「Hey, you two over there」

Seiya and Lily thought that this person wasn't calling for them and continued to head in the direction of principal's office. However, the owner of the voice raised the volume and called again.

「Wait a little. Hey, you two, who are holding hands」

Seiya became aware of the voice and looked around.

There he found a few students, but Lily and Seiya were the only ones who were holding each other's hands.

He understood that the voice was calling for him and turned in its direction. Lily also stopped and looked back.

There was a girl with beautiful red twin tails and yellow eyes like topaz.

However, her face looked angry for some reason, and the students who saw that girl swiftly left the scene.

In addition, the girl with twin tails stared straight at Seiya and Lily.

「Do you mean us?」

First things first, Seiya decided to confirm. And the red-haired girl with twin tails answered with angry tone. (TN: Will we get an obligatory tsundere?)

「That's right. Who else is here? 」

「You have a point」

As she said, no one except Seiya and Lily walked with connected hands.

「All right, what can I help you with?」

Seiya inquired about her intentions and the girl answered while in a bad mood.

「I haven't seen you here before. Are you an intruder? 」

「Nope, I'm a transfer student」

「Transfer student? Why was I not made aware of this? 」

「When you are in a different class it's hard to meet you know」

The academy is spacious enough in the first place.

Therefore, it is natural for other students to not be told about every new student, and it is natural to see an unfamiliar face from time to time.

Just what is this girl saying? Thought Seiya. And the girl declared her reason soon enough.

「It is different. I will know when a new student appears」

「Who are you? 」

Facing this unknown entity, Seiya, for a moment, thought that she was hit in the head. But seeing her serious face he understood that he guessed wrong.

Although her aura felt weaker than Seiya's, she was quite powerful.

Just when his thoughts arrived at this point, the girl revealed an unexpected reason.

「I'm the Vice President of student council of Arsenia Magic Academy, Selena Phoenix」

The student council of the Arsenia Magic Academy

So this is the representative of the student council right here. The student council of a magic academy is different from the one in a normal academy.

The student council of the magic academy has the right to pass judgement. They are also the gathering of top class magicians of the academy A student council also existed in Senabia Magic Academy and they were quite powerful.

By the way, Jin belongs to that same council. They are the students with impressive abilities; they also have a lot of authority in the academy grounds.

In that student council, this girl is the vice president. Thinking that her level is

quite high, Seiya introduced himself.

「My name is Kiritsuna Seiya, from now on I'm a part of class 2-A」  
「So your grade is the same as mine. I'm from 2-C, best regards」  
「Best regards from me too. This girl is Lily; she is a trainee in the second grade. Similar to me, she is going to attend this academy from this very day」  
「Oh? Glad to meet you, Lily-chan」

Selena calmly greeted Lily, despite her cuteness, and Lily greeted her back.  
(TN: Is cuteness some kind of superior force? Well, yeah I guess) 「Nice to meet you!」

She became very friendly at this point. Selena was in a bad mood at first, but now she is the gentle vice president.

But her mood suddenly dropped again.

「By the way, are you two engaged? You were holding hands earlier」

Seiya hesitated to answer that question.

She is a part of the student council.

If he gives a wrong answer here, there will be an additional faction against him, adding to that the fan club and the royal guard.

It will be quite troublesome and Seiya wanted to avoid it.

Nevertheless, while Seiya was contemplating the answer, the beautiful little girl dropped a bomb again.

「Wrong! I'm his mistress! 」(TN: You tried, Seiya)  
「Eh.....」

Selena suddenly solidified. It's understandable. After all, the little girl of 14 (temporary) years old said that she was his mistress, not even a fiancée.

「This was a fun one, Lily-chan. But it is bad to joke about that」

Somehow, Selena was able to produce an answer, although with a trembling voice.

「This is not a joke! Lily is truly Seiya's mistress! Seiya has a fiancée! 」

Lily kept revealing their circumstances. At this point, not only Selena, but also

Seiya became paralyzed.

And Selena glared at Seiya while trembling.

「What is the meaning of this?」

「Etto.....」

「Even though you have a fiancée, this little girl is a mistress?」

「About that.....」

Seiya desperately searched for a way out but couldn't find one. Because it was a fact.

「Are you a lolicon or something?」

「It's different」

Being labeled as a lolicon, Seiya tried to come up with an excuse. But before that happened, Selena asked Lily.

「Does Lily-chan knows the meaning of the word “mistress”?」

「Un! They are doing improper things with married people! 」

Seiya's HP was being depleted at the fast pace and Selena's eyes were spinning in circles.

「Li-Lily-chan, does his fiancée knows about you?」

To the flustered Selena, Lily continued dropping bombs.

「Un! Big sister knows Lily! 」

「Eh, oh...Big sister!? 」

「Slow down Lily, you will cause a misunderstanding.....」(TN: To late) Somehow retaining a little bit of his HP, Seiya tried to stop Lily. But right after, he felt an intense contemptuous stare.

「Just what were you thinking about?」

「Well」

「Being intimate with your fiancée's sister, and she is even so small」

「Wait, wait ,wait」

Selena's eyes were getting increasingly threatening.

As a result, Seiya's HP further decreased. There, Lily released her final bomb to finish him off.

「Lily is fine with that. Big sister properly accepted me too! Besides, we are already connected! 」

「C-c-connected!?!」

Lily was talking about the complete contract between them, but Selena completely misunderstood her.

But to tell the truth, her adult version.... (I will leave the rest to your imagination) (TN :< = I didn't write this one) Selena glared with an incredible scorn.

「I swear in the name of the Arsenia Magic Academy student council's Vice President Selena Phoenix. Kiritsuna Seiya, the enemy of all women. The student council will not acknowledge you. Be prepared for things to come」

She left it as her final words and ran off somewhere.

Seiya headed for the principal's office filled with indescribable emotions.

# Chapter 38: The Principal of Arsenia Magic Academy

When Seiya knocked on the door of the principal's office, there was an immediate reaction.

「Get in」

He heard a voice from the other side of the door. This was an authoritative voice.

「Excuse me」

「Excuse me!」

Seiya and Lily entered inside.

「You are finally here」

When the two entered the room, there were two men inside.

One of them held an aura of power and was sitting in the chair, the other one was standing by his side.

When Seiya and Lily entered the room and closed the door, the standing man started talking.

「Nice to meet you, Kiritsuna Seiya-kun, Lily Arunia-san. My name is Zadman; I am the head teacher of Arsenia Magic Academy. This person is」

「Leonardo, the principal」

The muscular man with scarlet hair sitting in the chair is Leonardo, the principal of the academy. You can even see his muscles through his clothes, he had quite the presence.

And the man with black edged glasses and blue hair standing next to Leonardo was Zadman. Although Zadman was not muscular, his atmosphere was powerful.

To these two people, Seiya and Lily introduced themselves.

「I'm Kiritsuna Seiya, currently staying with Arunia family」

After Seiya's introduction, Lily continues.

「Lily Arunia!」

When they finished introducing themselves, Zadman immediately started explaining.

「Regarding the two of you, I have heard about the circumstances to a certain extent from Raiga-dono. Seiya-kun is the only one left of his family and is now under Raiga-dono's protection. Lily-san is an orphan and was adopted by Raiga-dono as his own daughter. Am I right up to this point? 」

「Yes」

「Yes!」

The two nodded at Zadman's question.

However, this was a fictional story prepared by Raiga, Seiya's parents have disappeared a long time ago and Lily was not an orphan.

Nevertheless, they could not tell the truth and had to go with this version.

After confirming, Zadman continued.

「Understood. With this, I have confirmed everything」

「Yes」

Seiya was surprised that everything was finished rather quickly and tried to leave with Lily.

But just before Seiya opened the door, Leonardo, the principal, called Seiya.

「Kiritsuna Seiya, please stay for a little longer」

「Seiya?」

Being called by Leonardo, Seiya was alerted.

Lily looked worriedly at Seiya, but Seiya smiled reassuringly to calm her down.

「All right, Lily, return to your classroom. You have a friend now, right? 」

「Un!」

Lily nodded and ran off to see her friend Nari in the classroom.

Confirming that Lily has run away, Seiya turned around and faced Leonardo.

In the next moment, Leonardo exerted a powerful pressure.

This pressure came attacking Seiya.

As expected from the principal of Arsenia Magic Academy, his pressure was quite stifling for Seiya, even after his experiences in Great Dalis Canyon.

Still, although it was somewhat strong, he swiftly adapted and grinned.

That smile appeared on him unconsciously and held no particular meaning.

Leonardo looked at Seiya and nodded, as if convinced of something, and said.

「Well, for now sit down」

「Understood, please excuse me」

Leonardo pointed at the table in the middle of the room and encouraged Seiya to sit down. (TN: Not on the table) After Seiya sat down, Leonardo also moved to the same table and sat across him.

After he took his seat, he immediately continued.

「Who the hell are you?」

「I don't understand the meaning of the question」

Because his opponent was the principal of Arsenia Magic Academy, he decided to be careful with his answers.

But Leonardo's question was quite straight.

Seiya did not expect that and decided to play dumb.

Facing such a Seiya, Leonardo changed the attacking method.

「Let's change the question. What kind of power do you have? 」

「The power, is it?」

Seiya thought for a moment that Leonardo was aware of his dark element, but swiftly discarded it.

If he knew about the dark element, he would not have asked in such a roundabout way.

Besides, it did not seem that Leonardo knew about the dark attribute in the

first place.

Sure enough, Seiya was right.

「Let's see. You are staying with a special magician's family. They didn't adopt you like a trainee from a while before, right? The reason is simple. You are currently the head of the family」(TN: Seiya's family)

「That's true, but...」

As Leonardo said, the reason why Raiga could not adopt Seiya was not only because of his identity as Yua's fiancé, but also because Seiya was the current head of Kiritsuna family.

As a rule, the head of the family couldn't be adopted. He had no choice but to let Seiya be a freeloader.

The reason that everyone opposed Edward adopting Seiya also came from that rule.

Although there was also a question of Seiya's ability.

「You have enough ability to stay in the special magician's house, so you should have some power, right? I feel bad, but I looked into Kiritsuna family and found nothing. The only thing I uncovered is that there was a student with the same surname in Senabia Magic Academy, although he died after being kidnapped. Besides, that student was rather weak」

Leonardo told him about the results of the investigation, but he paid no attention to that.

「I see」

At this point, Leonardo doesn't think of Seiya as a magician from Windistan.

According to his information, the magician from Windistan was an amateur; there was no way for a special magician to pay attention to him.

However, at the same time, there was no other information, maybe, due to some unusual circumstances, the magician from Windistan arrived at this point.

Either way, Leonardo wanted to hear the truth from Seiya.

「If you are that student, then why did you come here instead of returning to

Windistan? Not even as a transfer student but a new one」 (TN: Here I assume that Seiya just tells everyone that he is a transfer student, while on paper he is a new one) Leonardo suddenly shared his guesses.

But Seiya had nothing he could tell him.

「I can't talk about it」

「Why so?」

Leonardo intensely stared at Seiya.

Strictly speaking, Seiya was not a transfer student, but a new one.

Seiya thought that there was a reason for that and decided to stay silent.

Silence continued for a while and Seiya opened his mouth first.

「I can't answer, but I have a request」

「What?」

「I want you to keep the information about Senabia Magic Academy a secret」

It was the same as telling Leonardo that he was the magician from Windistan, which was the highest concession he could make.

Seiya won't tell any more than that.

Why did he say that in the first place? The reason is simple. It was for the sake of his wish.

And he had only one wish.

That is, to protect his new life.

If the fact that he survived was known in Windistan, the church and the Holy Church will come with intention to interrogate him.

If they somehow discover his dark attribute or Yua's holy attribute, it will become a big problem.

He wanted to avoid this situation by all means.

In the worst case, Seiya can do something with brutal methods, but he didn't wish for that to happen.

Leonardo looked at him and asked.

「Is this your request?」

「Yes」

There was no reason for Leonardo to comply. In the first place, this was their first meeting.

Therefore, Leonardo asked him.

「I see. Even if I asked for a reason, you will not answer? 」

「That's how it is」

Leonardo made a troubled face and asked the important thing.

「Let me ask the important thing. Are you my enemy? Or the academy's enemy? 」

「Both are wrong」

「I see. Then, are you an ally? 」

「It depends, I'm an ally of Arunia family」

「I understand」

Leonardo heard his answer and smiled.

What Leonardo felt from Seiya was a loyalty to Arunia family. Seiya probably acts with Arunia family as a top priority, and he will never become an enemy, unless Leonardo goes against the Arunia family.

Leonardo was convinced of that.

As long as he wasn't an enemy, that was fine for Leonardo.

「All right, you are free to go」

「Then excuse me」

Seiya said so and left.

After he left, Zadman asked Leonardo.

「Principal, so he is after all?」

「Yes. As you expected, he is the student from Windistan」

「Just what is his purpose? 」

Zadman asked that, but he didn't expect to receive an answer.

「I don't know. I wonder who he is really. He has enough power to easily

overwhelm the teachers, but attends the academy as the student. I have no idea what Raiga is thinking」

「I will continue to investigate」

「Yeah, I will leave it to you」

Zadman left and Leonardo once again perused through the information he had on Seiya.

# Chapter 39: Lunch with the Beautiful Girls

When Seiya returned to his classroom from the principal's office, it was already 3<sup>rd</sup> hour.

He thought that he would manage to return before the end of the break, but Selena took too much of his time.

When he entered the classroom, all gazes gathered around him. Yua also noticed him and came close.

「Welcome back, Seiya ... How was it...? 」

「It was fine」

「Then that's good.....」

The whole class was paying attention to them.

Usually, everyone was busy with their own activities, but today was different. Everyone wanted to know about the relationship between Seiya and Yua. Therefore, the classroom was full.

Seiya and Yua completely ignored them and continued with the conversation.

「You aren't going to self-study?」(TN: Reminder. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hours are self-study)

「I'm together with Seiya.....」

「I see, let's go then」

「Un.....」

The two decided to do self-training together and left the classroom.

The remaining classmates looked at each other and unanimously got up from their seats and followed them.

「How annoying」

「Should we run.....?」

「It seems so」

The two arrived at the fountain where Nari and Lily were just recently. However, they were not here to do self-training.

The two looked at the annoying classmates and casted their spells at the same time.

They cast『Single Light』on their feet to raise their power and jumped on the gym's roof.

「『What!?!』」

The classmates looked at two people and rushed in the direction of the gym.

However, Seiya and Yua weren't so kind as to wait for them. They casted the same spell again and jumped on the academy building.

「I think this should work」

「Un.....」

Having jumped on the roof, the two relaxed for a while.

Like in the Senabia Magic Academy, students were prohibited to stay on the roof. However, if no one finds out then it's fine. The two decided to train on the rooftop.

The classmates tried to look for them, but they failed.

Seiya and Yua successfully evaded them.

「We did it somehow」

「Un.....」

「By the way, were you all right while I was gone?」

「Seiya is a bully.....You left me...」

「Sorry about that」

Apparently, Yua was a little angry that she had to deal with her classmates while he was away.

Seiya patted Yua's head to calm her down, but this time it didn't produce the desired effect.

After all, Yua wanted something else.

「Seiya.....kiss...」

「Here? 」

Seiya became confused at her sudden request.

Seiya was slightly apprehensive of doing it on the academy ground. However, to fix her mood he gently touched her lips with his. (TN: We all know you wanted to) 「Will that do?」

「Un.....」

The two smiled and proceeded to train.

Yua practiced Seiya's『Mantle of Light』.

Yua suffered from Lily last time, she wanted something to easily dodge powerful attacks. Still, it wasn't that easy and she struggled quite a bit.

For Yua's sake, Seiya was helping with all his power.

As a result, she achieved a small success. From now on, it is just a repeated practice.

Seiya decided to try a few things too, but as Yua, he didn't achieve much.

What he tried to do was to summon Lily's Gedo-chan. (TN: It's roof and all, but is it fine to summon a giant dragon in the school?) He tried to summon the dragon with mana of the water element that he received from the contract with Lily.

Nevertheless, all he could produce were small animals, forget about the dragon.

Seiya and Yua both needed some special training.

The two trained until the end of 4<sup>th</sup> hour and went to pick up Lily.

While they were walking towards her classroom, a lot of trainees directed their jealous stares Seiya's way, but he ignored them.

Seiya wasn't a child to exert his pressure on the trainees.

When they arrived at Lily's classroom, she was already waiting for them.

「Seiya! Big sister! 」

She was her usual self. Apparently, she got along well with the class.

「Oh, Lily」

「Lily, let's have lunch」

Seiya and Lily came here to pick her up and have lunch together. Then, a certain girl asked.

「Lily's friends?」

「Un! Seiya and big sister! 」

「Big sister? Yua-san? 」

「Right!」

The girl with short red hair, Nari, stared at Lily in surprise.

All of the students seemed to be the same, alternating their stares from Yua to Lily.

「Is this girl your friend?」

Seiya asked Lily and she nodded.

「That's right!」

「Ah, my name is Nari, I am the class head here」

Nari politely greeted Seiya and Yua.

「I see. My name is Kiritsuna Seiya. Thank you for taking care of Lily」

「My name is Yua Arunia, my little sister was in your care」(TN: She said something without dots!)

「No, I didn't do much.....」(TN: There they are) Nari tenses up in the face of Yua, so Seiya gave her a way out.

「We are going to have lunch right now. Do you want to come with us? 」

「Ehh, ah, etto, is that okay?」

Nari looked at Seiya with a surprised face.

He is a student I met for the first time and she is the number one beauty of the academy, and, and, Lily is her little sister.

Nari thought, is it okay to go with these three? However, Seiya had no way to understand her troubles.

「Ah. Lily is okay with it, right? 」

「Un!」

「It's decided.....」

「Then, then, I accept you offer」

In that way, the four people came to a somewhat high-class restaurant outside the academy.

Although there were no other students of the academy inside, the customers still paid a lot of attention to them.

There was a lot of jealousy toward Seiya who was able to eat with two extremely beautiful girls and a cute neighbor girl.

But Seiya was already accustomed to the stares of jealousy and didn't bother with them.

Facing such a Seiya, Nari asked.

「By the way, Seiya-senpai, are you going out with Yua-san?」

Nari's question was normal.

The two always have their arms linked and stick to each other all the time. They should be going out however you look at it.

But Yua's answer was way above her expectations.

「Seiya is my fiancé.....」

「Kh, fiancé!?!」

「Yes.....」

Nari blushed at the word; it seems it was still too early for the 14 year old girl.

However, facing already blushing Nari, Lily delivered another bomb.

「And I am his mistress!」

「M-mistress?!」

「Right!」

Nari froze with her mouth wide open.

And the customers around them, stared at Seiya with bloodthirsty eyes.

Seiya thought of them as annoying and, just for a moment, released his pressure. The customers immediately averted their eyes.

Their instincts told them that it was dangerous to continue.

Then, while Nari still wasn't able to process the information or say anything, Seiya followed with: 「Calm down, Nari」

「What were you thinking, senpai?」(TN: The next few lines were extremely confusing for me, I tried my best)

「If Lily wishes for it, that is fine with me」

Those were Seiya's true thoughts, he thought that as long as Lily wished for it, everything is fine.

The contract didn't matter. Seiya just wanted Lily to be happy.

However, Nari, who didn't know the circumstances, glares at Seiya.

「You are the worst」

He could read「This womanizer! 」from her eyes. But from the standpoint of a 14 years old girl, it was easy to reach that conclusion.

Nari directed her next question to Yua.

「Are you fine with this, Yua-san? Your little sister is your fiancé's mistress」

「No problem...」

「It can't be...」

Receiving an unexpected answer, Nari froze again, but after some time she regained her mind and asked Lily.

「Are you fine with this, Lily? You can't marry your lover」

「Un! After all, I want to stay with both, Seiya and big sister! 」

「Lily.....」

Nari made a surprised expression. But in the next moment, she seemed to understand something, and apologized to Seiya.

「If three people are of the same mind, then I don't have the right to say anything. I apologize for my previous behavior」

「No, no. Thank you for caring about Lily this far. I'm counting on you from now on」

「Yes」

Nari vigorously nodded toward Seiya and made a resolution to protect Lily

from the boys of her class.

After that, the four people finished their lunch, left the restaurant and returned to the academy.

「Senpai, sorry for eating my fill at your expense」

「Don't worry」

「Yes, until we meet again」

「Bye, Lily」

「Un!」

Seiya and Yua parted from Nari and Lily, returned to the classroom and prepared for the next hour.

# Chapter 40: Duel

When they returned to the classroom after the lunch, everyone else was present. Their homeroom teacher, Yayuna, was also there.

When Yayuna confirmed that they took their seats, she started talking.

「Everyone is finally here. I will explain the content of the next lesson. The next lesson is a duel. You are free to pick your opponent. Please, everyone, decide on your opponent. Of course, you are allowed to refuse. The fight is one on one, the location is the training field, you. Well then, everyone should proceed to the training field」

Yayuna finished her explanation and walked away first.

And as soon as she left the classroom, two people walked up to Seiya. They looked like a leader of the fan club and the royal guard.

Then, they said in a loud voice.

「Fight with me!」(TN: One was rude, the other was normal. That doesn't translate well though)

「All right」

Seiya somewhat expected that and readily accepted.

「I will release Yua-sama from you」

「For the sake of Yua-sama, I will defeat you」

It seems that these two people or these two organizations still thought that Seiya was forcing her to do this and that.

The training field of Arsenia Magic Academy wasn't particularly different from Senabia Magic Academy.

The only difference was a stream of water flowing through it.

The training field was divided into sixteen segments, 20 square meters in size.

When Yayuna finished explaining, the fifth lesson finally started.

For his first fight, Seiya entered the space number 6.

Seiya's first opponent is the leader-like girl from the royal guard. The moment Seiya entered the field, she started introducing herself.

「I'm the captain of the Yua-sama' royal guard Elen Naberia. I'm from an advanced magician clan, so if you want to apologize this is your last chance」

If it was still in the past, hearing that she is a member of an advanced magician clan would have made him prostrate. But now, it is different.

After the monsters from the dark territory, a member of an advanced clan isn't worth mentioning. Just like the girl before him.

「Mm, I see」

「Keep your attitude while you still can, soon, you won't be able to」

The girl with long silver hair, Elen, stood opposite of Seiya, and with the start of the battle she immediately started to chant.

「My soul of ice, right now, in my hand『Bliss』」 (TN: I hate incantations so much) In the next moment, an ice blade appeared in her hand.

Elen, holding Bliss in her hand, immediately closes in on the weaponless Seiya.

「Ha!」

「Slow」

Seiya chose to avoid her slash by jumping back. However soon afterward, he noticed that she had a smile on her face.

「The shrine maiden of ice, answer my call『Ice Coating』」

Immediately after that, the ground behind Seiya turned into the ice and he lost his balance.

Elen grinned and slashed at Seiya again.

「Chi」

Seiya turned midair, landed on his left hand and propelled himself outside the ice floor.

Seeing his impressive movements, Elen said.

「You are quite capable. But you won't be able to defeat me with just that」

Elen slashed with Bliss again.

Seiya stepped back, Elen casted the same spell and he lost his balance again.

However, Seiya performed his acrobatic movements in the same fashion and propelled himself outside. (TN: Did she think that it would work in she did it once again?) Looking at his display, Elen's mood worsened.

「How long are you going to keep dodging?」

「I see. It seems you can't cast this spell continuously」

「Hee, so you noticed. Yes. So what? You have been avoiding me since the beginning. Could it be that you aren't able to attack? 」

Elen tried to provoke Seiya into action. However, Seiya wasn't so immature as to go along with it.

「Maybe」

「Then I will chase you until you have nowhere to escape to!」

Elen came slashing at him again, but this time, Seiya's movements were different.

Instead of jumping back, he dodged the Bliss by a paper-thin margin. From this distance, she couldn't use the『Ice Coating』, unless she decided to harm herself too.

Seiya was able to see through her movements and easily avoid the attack. And because of this dodge, Elen's stress started to build up.

「Stop dodging, how about you attack me already?」

「There is no need」

「Hey, you!」

Her swordplay was becoming increasingly wilder. Looking at such an Elen, he decided to launch the counterattack.

Facing her slash from above, he dodged to the right while wrapping his left fist with the mana of light. Then, he punched Elen in the belly with considerable force.

The dull sound was heard.

With the raised power of his hand, Seiya punched Elen in the stomach the moment she was performing an overhead strike.

「This is the end」

「Uuu....」

Having accepted his punch, Elen wobbled and lost her consciousness. The moment she fainted was the moment of Seiya's victory.

The members of the royal guard were watching Elen with stunned expressions.

After all, Elen was at the top of the class and she lost without even putting a scratch on her opponent.

No one could utter a word.

Following that, Seiya carried Elen out of the dueling space, handed her to the still stunned members of the royal guard and headed for his next duel.

When he arrived, the leader-like person from the fan club was already waiting for him.

「I'm the vice president of Yua-sama's fan club, Brick Steashmer, the second son of an advanced magician clan. If I win, stay away from Yua-sama」

Male student that called himself Brick said so, while staring at Seiya. Facing such a Brick, he asked. (TN: I really admire your parent who came up with that name) 「And if I win?」

To his question, Brick muttered “no way” and answered while laughing.

「Hahaha, no chance. But if you somehow win, the fan club won't bother you anymore」

「That would be nice」

「Even though I said that, I watched your fight with Elen. It seems you can only evade. There is no way I will lose to someone like you」

「I see」

Already convinced that he won, Brick faced Seiya with relaxed attitude.

He was surprised that Elen had lost, but it looked more like a duel of warriors than magicians, so Brick made a speculation.

He speculated that Seiya wasn't able to use magic.

There is no proof, but Brick had already accepted it as a fact.

That's why, he, who can use magic, won't lose to Seiya. (TN: Elen used magic too, but all right) Seiya looked at Brick with annoyed eyes.

Two groups tried to approach Yua. He can still forgive the women-only royal guard, but the fan club consists of male students that try to get close to her.

Therefore, Seiya will not be lenient towards the members of the fan club. Yua is a precious person to him and he doesn't want to hand her to anyone, especially to men.

That's why he decided to end this fight in a moment.

There are 10 meters between them.

The two quietly waited for the start of the duel.

Silence wraps around the surroundings, the students were holding their breath in anticipation.

And in the next second, the duel started.

「I, who received the divine protection of fire....」

With the sign to start the duel, Brick started to cast his spell, but in the next moment, his head fell off from his body.

「!？」

And Brick, being unable to say another word, becomes dust and disappears. He lost his consciousness and was transferred to the seat close by.

The students in the surroundings were frozen.

They were unable to understand what happened as well as were surprised that Brick lost.

Under the stares of the frozen student, Seiya left the duel space.

What Seiya did is very simple.

At the start of the battle, he casted『Single Light』on his feet and raised their strength, closed in on Brick and slashed at his neck with Hollins, which he

summoned chantless.

Both are simple spell, just without the chant.

With that, Seiya's training came to an end.

The students around him were discussing his earlier performance, but he didn't care.

Then, Yua approached such a Seiya.

「Good work....」

「Ou」

This marked the end of the first day after his transfer.

# Chapter 41: Going Home

After practical training, Seiya and his classmates returned to the classroom and waited for the homeroom teacher, Yayuna, to come.

When Seiya was preparing to go home, Aruna called out to him.

「You are awesome, Seiya-kun」

「What do you mean?」

Suddenly being praised by Aruna, Seiya couldn't catch up. Facing such a Seiya, Connie delivered the answer from the left seat.

「You dealt with Brick in a second」

「Brick? Ah, that guy from the fan club」

「That's right. Brick is considered to have a top-class ability in this class, and you defeated him in a moment」 (TN: I have an intense desire to type “the Brick” for some reason)

Looking at Connie's exited appearance, Seiya thought that he might be entangled in the fan club one way or another.

While he was thinking these things, from the front seat, Glenn asked.

「By the way, Seiya, how did you do that?」

「It's a secret」

「Well, of course that's the case」

Although was a secret, Glenn won't hold it against him. After all, it's normal for people to have their methods.

Insisting on an explanation is considered bad manners. In the worst case, you might even be captured by the church.

「Anyway, you are still hiding your power, right?」

「Why do you think so?」

He listened Aruna's question without any changes in his facial expression, but was inwardly surprised.

What if she knows about the dark attribute, though Seiya and got nervous. But it was dispelled in the next second.

「I can understand after your fight with Elen. You should have seen through her movements since the beginning, am I right? 」

「Kind of」

Seiya was honestly surprised at Aruna's observation powers. He had indeed seen through her, but tried to conceal it.

But all of this was useless in front of Aruna.

「Easily dodging, getting Elen stressed and making Brick look down at you at the same time. You can't do that if you aren't on the completely different level from them」

「I see」

Aruna was right. He had indeed seen through Elen's muscle movements since the beginning and she also guessed the reason for his dodging.

Seiya was already thinking on how to make his next opponent let down his guard in the first fight. Seiya thought that it is the right fighting method, after his adventures in the dark territory, you can't learn that in the magic academy.

Seiya recognized Aruna's ability and decided to be vigilant from now on.

But it seems he shouldn't be wary of only Aruna alone.

「The thing you used against Brick, did you learn it from somewhere?」

「No. It's my original」

「This's amazing. The technique you used to cut his head off is really something! Without useless movements, and unless you know the right way to cut, it is impossible! 」

「I-I see」

「That's right!」

Although he is speaking while being overexcited, his observation skill are worth taking note of.

When Seiya cut off Brick's head, he moved at the speed that should be impossible to perceive with human's eyes. However, Connie was speaking as if

he had actually seen it.

Aruna and Connie, there are plenty of able people around, thought Seiya.

For such a Seiya, Glenn comes forward with a proposal.

「Seiya, can you duel with me next time?」

「Why?」

Glenn suddenly said such a thing. Facing his unexpected proposal, Seiya asked for a reason.

「Because I have a feeling that I will be able to understand something if I fight you」

「What do you want to figure out?」

「The important thing for me to progress」

「I see. All right, let's fight in the next time」

「Ou! Thanks」

It seems there is no need to be vigilant against Glenn, thought Seiya.

Then, the topic changed.

「But if you are this strong, shouldn't you be scouted by the student council?」

「Come to think of it, it's possible」

Connie agreed with Aruna's statement. Seiya thought that this was a good opportunity and decided to ask about the student council in detail.

「What kind of people are there in the student council? 」

「Oh, Seiya-kun is interested?」

Aruna looked pleased for some reason, but Seiya answered with disinterested face.

「Sort of」

「So it was like that. Etto, I will leave the explanation about the student council to Connie」

「Eh? 」

Connie was surprised, suddenly receiving the baton.

「Explaining is bothersome, so Connie, I leave it to you」

「Can't help it then」

Connie looked at Aruna with dissatisfied face and started explaining. Seiya thought that he reminded him of a certain previous classmate of his.

「At present, the student council consist of three people」  
「Three people?」

Even Seiya was surprised at that number.

In Senabia Magic Academy, there were more than 10 people in the student council. Compared to that, the three people is not that much. Seiya thought that he could work with that.

「Yup. Third year president, second year vice president and first year secretary」

「I met the vice president just recently」  
「Did they scout you? 」

Aruna immediately reacted to that statement, but he couldn't give her the desired answer.

「Wrong. I was treated as a suspicious person because of my new face」  
「So that's what happened」

Aruna suddenly lost interest, hearing his answer.

「They are also very strong. It is said that they are a head above other people here. They are powerful enough to defeat everyone without even fighting seriously」

「That's scary. How about having a duel with them then, Glenn? 」

If he wanted to figure out something then it's fine for his opponent not to be me, or so he thought. Although his real intention was to avoid unneeded fighting as much as possible, as to not accidentally reveal his dark element.

「Can't laugh at that joke. Please excuse me of getting close to them」  
「Is it so? 」

「Aah, if you want to enjoy your academy life, you better stay away from them」  
「I see」

With that, he understood the reason why everyone stayed away from Selena

back then.

There are sure plenty of groups that you should stay away from in this academy.

While we were talking about that, Yayuna came into the classroom and dismissed everyone. According to her, tomorrow and the day after there will be no classes, and we are to rest properly.

In the end, Seiya and Yua went to pick Lily up, the fan club and the royal guard didn't say anything and stayed silent.

When they met up with Lily, Nari also tagged along and they ended up walking her home. (TN: Must say, I really like Nari, don't know the reason why)

With that, Seiya's first day after transfer was over.

# Chapter 42: Aquamarine Festival

At the dinner after his first day, Seiya asked Raiga about the plans for tomorrow.

「Come to think of it, do you have something planned for tomorrow?」

「Nothing....」

「Right」

「Un!」

Since it was the day off, they didn't plan anything yet. There, Raiga came up with a proposal.

「Then how about going in the central district tomorrow?」

「Central district?」

To Seiya's question, Raiga swiftly provides the answer.

「It's about time for the water maiden festival, Aquamarine」

「I have heard of it before」

「Well, it is famous after all」

Aquamarine is the famous festival held each year at the end of June; it is famous across the Leiria Kingdom. Seiya heard of this festival, but he never thought that it is held in this city.

The content of the festival is basically a parade.

They parade to show the appreciation and gratitude towards the water maiden, lots of palanquins proceed through the main street, while people perform ceremonies involving the water attribute on them.

「Shouldn't it be held later?」

As Seiya said, there were still three weeks until the Aquamarine festival.

「The festival itself is. However, there are already shows and stalls on the main street. You can say that this is a really long festival」

「Quite long for a festival indeed」

As Raiga said, there are already people setting up stalls on the main streets, the central district is gradually turning lively.

「I don't mind, do you?」

「If Seiya will then I will too....」

「Lily wants to go! It seems fun! 」

「Then it's decided」

With that, the trio decided to go to the central district.

In the next day, Raiga brought the trio to the center of Moru city.

Yua's mother, Kana, is absent since she had some things to do at home.

When they reached the city center, Raiga said.

「I will go greet some important people. Here we will split up. Feel free to play to your heart's content」

「And you just leave us」

Complained Seiya, but Raiga said with a laugh.

「That's because I trust you, Seiya. Properly protect Yua and Lily」

「I know even without you telling me」

When Seiya said that, Raiga went off somewhere.

The trio, who were left behind, discussed their plans.

They decided their first destination rather quickly.

The trio first went to the stall that was selling the cotton candy. That's because Lily was too excited seeing it.

When Lily received the cotton candy from the stall owner, she started eating it with sparkling eyes. And Yua also delightedly tasted it.

Looking at the two gleefully eating the cotton candy, Seiya showed a smile.

When Yua notices his gaze, she looked alternatively between the cotton candy and Seiya and gave him just a little.

「Are you giving it to me? Thanks」

Seiya said his thanks and tried to take the cotton candy, but Yua withdrew her

hands for some reason.

「Wrong, a~n.....」

Yua tried to feed him with cotton candy.

Doing it with lots of people present was quite embarrassing, but in the end, he lost and obediently complied.

「Delicious?」

「Of course」

Hearing his answer, she delightedly returned her attention to the cotton candy.

When Lily saw this, she tore off some of her candy and handed it to Seiya.

「Seiya, a~n!」

Facing Lily, he just resigned and ate it.

「Seiya, tasty?」

To her question, Seiya of course gave a positive answer.

「Yeah, it was tasty. Thanks Lily」

「Un! 」

Lily nodded with a blooming smile.

Seeing him being surrounded by the beautiful girls, people stared at him with jealousy, but Seiya didn't mind.

After that, the trio went around different stalls, and then, Seiya noticed a signboard and stopped.

Yua asked the reason Seiya stopped.

「What's wrong....Seiya...? 」

「Nothing, just though that it's nostalgic」

「What is....?」

「That signboard」

「Melon bread?」

What Seiya was looking at, was the signboard with melon bread written on it.

However, it wasn't just the melon bread, it also had the cream inside of it.

「Seiya, what is melon bread?」

Lily didn't know what melon bread was, and Seiya was troubled how to answer. For now, he said.

「It's tasty bread」

「Hee~」

It seems Lily is unable to imagine melon bread. Well, not surprising.

「What do you mean by nostalgic....Seiya....? 」

Yua was filled with questions at his statement.

「When I was still in the Windistan I ate my lunch in the bakery. This bakery had limited sales of melon bread once in a month, a thing to look forward to. The owner always left some for me, so I was able to eat it once a month」

「Bake John」produced 30 pieces each month and Seiya was always able to eat it, their taste was superb.

When he went in the store, he was always able to receive 2 pieces, one for himself and one for Edward. (TN: Who is currently mourning your disappearance) Melon bread was Seiya's and Edward's favorite, but since he was kidnapped, he was unable to eat it any longer.

So once Seiya noticed the signboard he felt nostalgic.

「Do you want it, Seiya? 」

Asked Lily.

And Seiya earnestly answered.

「Sort of」

「Then Lily will go and get it! 」

Once Seiya affirmed, she puffed her chest out, giving off “leave it to me” feeling, but he swiftly stopped her.

「Lily, read the signboard to the end」

「Etto, contest? 」

「Yeah, that's right」

「What's that?」

There was「The winner of beauty contest gets two pieces of melon bread with a cream」, but Lily had no idea what that contest was.

Therefore, Seiya earnestly gave up. But there was a concerned person close to him. That was of course Yua.

「Leave it to me, Seiya.....」

「Eh, are you going to participate?」

「Un.....For Seiya's sake...」 (TN: I cried) Apparently, she is motivated. And if Yua is going to do it than Lily will also go.

「Lily too!」

As Lily said that she would participate too, Seiya tried to stop her.

Because if these two beautiful girls participate, the audience will flock and something will happen.

To avoid the trouble, he tried to stop them, but his persuasion was absolutely ineffective.

「You can't think of participating today?」

「It's fine.....It says that today is okay...」

There was a「It's okay to apply today! It's time to display your beauty! 」 written on the signboard.

「But it will take a lot of time....」

「It's all right! I will end it swiftly! 」

Although Lily didn't know anything about a contest, she was filled with confidence for no apparent reason.

「Leave it to me, Seiya.....」

「Leave it to me!」

If it has escalated up to this point, Seiya couldn't stop them anymore. (TN: Win for 2 pieces of bread. That's some treasured bread) 「All right」

Seiya decided to give up and leave it to them.

After that, having finished their registration, he proceeded to his seat.

Yua and Lily were taken to the dressing room to change clothes. Just what would they be forced to wear, worried Seiya.

# Chapter 43: Beauty Contest

When Seiya arrived at the spectators' seats, there were already plenty of people.

Their numbers exceeded five hundred; they took all of the seats. Just as Seiya thought to watch the contest while standing, he discovered an empty seat in the center.

Even though the seat was empty, no one approached it. For some reason, everyone chose to stand.

When he looked around, he discovered someone he knew.

「Did you come to greet some people in the beauty contest, Raiga?」(TN: Casually ditched everyone and went to admire beauties. Nice!)

「So it's Seiya. What is happened with Lily and Yua? 」

Sitting there was a special magician as well as Yua's father, Raiga Arunia.

The spectators took their distance from Raiga, but Seiya didn't bother and sat next to him.

Seeing him sitting next to Raiga and casually starting a conversation, everyone around got suddenly agitated.

Some of them said「What is this brat doing!?!」,「Do you want to die!?!」,「Are you an idiot!?!」, but Seiya didn't hear that.

「Those two are participating in the beauty contest」

Without any care for his surroundings, Seiya answered Raiga's previous question.

「I see. Is your target the melon bread? 」

「Kind of. By the way, what about Melena? 」

「As for her, I handed her some money, so she is sightseeing the festival right now」

「All right」

It seems that Melena is enjoying the festival. (TN: Gentle reminder: Melena is green-haired servant girl) However, why is he in such a place, though Seiya. How does the greeting of important people led him to be here? Besides, a person of Raiga's status should usually be in the section for the important guests.

「Are you here for a job?」

「You can say that. There is a possibility that the winner will be kidnapped. I'm a countermeasure」

「I see, you are the special deterrent」

「That's about right」

Apparently, Raiga uses his presence to deter any possible kidnappers from action. Raiga is famous not only in Aquaristan but across the whole kingdom. He is perfect as the deterrent.

While the two were talking about those things, the beauty contest finally began.

There were nine participants. Of course, Lily and Yua were among them, but they were on a completely different level from the rest. To be honest, it's on the level when you can only pity other participants.

And Seiya noticed something. That is, Lily's body was bigger than usual in certain places.

Instead of the little girl, she changed into the enchanting adult version.

When she became aware of Seiya's gaze, Lily showed him a smile. While Seiya was smiling in response, the host woman said loudly.

「All right, this year's aquamarine beauty contest, in short「Amacon」, starts now」

「「「「「「「「Woaaa!」」」」」」」」」」」」

When the woman said her piece, the audience erupted in loud cheers.

First is the interview, in order from left to right.

Yua is third and Lily is fifth. Interview included questions about motivation, melon bread and so on and so forth.

When the first two's interview has ended, it was finally Yua's turn. The host asked Yua: 「Entry number three, such a cute girl. What is your name? 」

「Yua....」

「So you are Yua-san then. Why are you participating in the Amacon? 」

「For my fiancé.....」

「Eeh, so you have a fiancé?」

「I have...」

The hall became quiet. The host big sister was troubled how to react too, adding to that, the atmosphere in the hall became somewhat weird.

「So it is for your fiancé, how wonderful. By the way, is he present in the audience right now? 」

「He is....」

The audience was looking around with the “Who is it? Who is it?” question in their eyes. For some reason their stares also contained bloodlust.

Not caring about the audience, the host asked Yua「Where is he? 」. And Yua, without any hesitation, pointed at Seiya with her finger.

「Seiya....」

「Eh?! You mean, the one next to Raiga-sama?!」

「Yes....」

The host as well as the audience stared there. There, next to Raiga, was the figure of Seiya with the troubled facial expression.

The audience eyed Seiya with killing intent and blood thirst, but thankfully, Raiga was there, so no one pounced on him.

At that time, Seiya thought that Raiga is quite convenient. Of course, he never said that aloud.

The host gathered her courage and tried to approach Seiya.

While looking at Raiga next to him, the host woman approached Seiya step after step. And when she finally reached him, she immediately asked a question.

「Fiancé-san. Can you please say something to Yua-san? 」

Being asked that, Seiya honestly answered.

「Do your best, Yua」

「Un....」

When Seiya showed his support, a broad smile appeared on Yua's face.

Her smile was dazzling. Everyone who saw her smile sent the hateful stare at Seiya, but he didn't care.

Yua's turn has ended and it was the turn for the next one. The fourth woman was somewhat nervous after Yua, but she tried her best.

And after her, it was the adult version of Lily's turn. The host woman handed the mike to her and started asking questions. (TN: So they have microphones here) 「The next one is number five. What is your name? 」

「It's Lily」

「Why are you participating in the Amacon, Lily-san?」

「For the person I love, I suppose」

Answering the questions, while wearing a bewitching atmosphere, she immediately stole the attention of the males in the hall.

And after hearing Lily's answer, just like with Yua, they started looking around with frenzied eyes.

Of course, they were looking for the person she loves.

The audience thought to vent the anger from Seiya's case on this person instead.

「Is the person you love your boyfriend?」

The host proceeded with the questions.

「That's wrong. We have already passed that step」

Lily answered while emanating the bewitching atmosphere. The audience perked their ears and the host asked further.

「Could it be, a fiancé?」

「That is also different」

The host tilted her head at Lily's answer.

Further than a boyfriend but not a fiancé, just what was the answer, she thought. Without reaching any conclusion, she asked Lily.

「Then, then what is your relationship?」

Hearing the host, the audience held their breath and waited for an answer. And Lily, radiating even more allure than before, answered.

「A Mistress」

After her answer, the host froze, the same applied for the audience.

Only Seiya was making a troubled face. Lily laughed as if she was enjoying it.

「Eh?」

「As I said, a mistress」

「A mistress? Not a fiancé? 」

「Can't be helped. My lover has a fiancée after all」

At her answer, the audience gets even more agitated than before.

In their eyes you could read「This beauty is a mistress!? Who is this idiot!?」. If they ever find their target, they will immediately pounce at him.

You should stop searching for that lover, thought Seiya. However, the idiot host proceeded with the questions.

「Where is that fortunate lover of yours?」

Why did you ask?! Seiya screamed in his heart. After all, he could already tell what will happen after that.

Lily flashed an evil grin and quietly pointed at Seiya.

「There, is Yua-chan's fiancé. Nee, Seiya-kun≡」

In the next moment, the people in the audience became berserk.

「「「Kill.....Kill...Kill him. This harem bastard」」」

While shouting that, the berserk audience assaulted Seiya.

Seiya stood up and looked at the berserkers, coming at him at full power.

Seeing his plight, Raiga said.

「Don't hurt them too much」

「Sure」

Raiga wasn't worried about Seiya, he was worried about the audience.

Facing the pouncing berserker, Seiya gathered his mana.

「Mana release」

The moment Seiya muttered that, the berserkers started to fall one after another. Also, the rest of the audience, excluding Raiga and Seiya, have all fainted.

What Seiya did was mana release that he used in the first day in the new academy.

Although, he released only about tenth, so no one got hurt.

The host was troubled, looking at the fainted audience.

「Etto, what should we do about the Amacon?」

The winner is determined by the votes of the audience, but everyone except Raiga and Seiya has fainted, so the total number of votes will be just two.

In that moment, Raiga proclaimed.

「I vote for Yua」

「Then I give my vote to Lily」

Raiga gave his vote for Yua and Seiya for Lily.

The troubled host looked around, but everyone except those two has fainted, so she had no choice.

「Etto, the winners are number three, Yua-san, and number five, Lily-san. You are free to receive a melon bread....This year's Amacon ends at that. Wai...」

The host declared the results with hollow eyes.

Yua and Lily received their prizes with happy expressions, but other entries, especially from number six, had a dissatisfied expression.

With that, the Amacon with the least number of votes in history has officially ended.

「I will deal with the aftermath. Seiya, take the two and return first」

Said Raiga.

「Sorry, you have to deal with annoying things」

「Don't worry」

「Thank you」

After thanking Raiga, he met up with Yua and Lily, who was already in her child version.

After that, just as Raiga said, they headed home.

On the way home, Yua and Lily passed their prize, the melon bread with cream, to Seiya.

「All right. Let's eat it together」

「But Seiya wanted it...」

「It's fine. Might as well eat some」

Yua stared at melon bread with the distressed face, then, as if being enlightened, she tore the bread in two and handed one part to Seiya.

「Like that, each can get a piece」

「Thanks, Yua」

「Un....」

Having said that, he received a half of melon bread from Yua.

「Lily will give a half too!」

「Is it fine?」

「Un! I got it for Seiya in the first place! 」

Lily handed a half of melon bread to Seiya with a smile!

「Thanks」

「Un!」

The three headed home while eating the delicious bread.

There was a man looking at the trio from afar. It was a silver-haired man in the white armor.

This man wasn't looking at Yua and Lily. He was looking at the blonde blue-eyed young man between them.

「As I thought, the incident hasn't ended yet. I need to question this youth about the facility」

The silver-haired man, Bagil Eight, said that with determination.

# Chapter 44: Waking Up with the Beautiful Little Girl

The next morning, after they returned from the Aquamarine festival, for some reason, Seiya woke up in Lily's bed instead of his own.

Next to Seiya, there was the child version of Lily quietly sleeping.

「Why am I inside Lily's room?」

Seiya was wondering why he awoke inside her room.

Lily's room is the farthest, it is further than Seiya's and Yua's room. That's why it is difficult to make a mistake.

However, Lily was still inside the dreamland and he had no way to know.

「I thought I should be in my own room, but why...」

Seiya decided to thoroughly investigate his memory of the last night.

「Come to think of it....」

Last night, when he was about to fall asleep, the door opened. And the bewitching adult version of Lily entered the room.

「What's happened, Lily?」

When he asked that, she proactively approached him.

「Ufufu, night crawling」(TN: Yobai)

「Don't joke with me」

Seiya made a troubled face and Lily responded with the puffed cheeks.

「Seiya-kun is terrible. I was working hard at Amacon today, don't you have a reward for me? 」

Lily approached the place next to Seiya with her bewitching atmosphere exponentially increasing. Any male will have his reason crumble before her.

However, Seiya answered as usual.

「For that I'm grateful, but Yua worked just as hard」

「That's true, but I don't have much time for myself. I spent this time for your sake and you refuse to give me a reward, Seiya-kun is so terrible~」

Lily gazed upwards at Seiya with bewitching and tragic eyes.

As she said, the time for the adult version to appear is limited. And since she spent her precious time to help him, he thought to satisfy her request.

「All right. So, what do you want to do? 」

「Thank you, Seiya-kun. Can you come to my room right now? 」

Lily made a happy face and brought Seiya to her room. And the moment they entered the room, she immediately pulled him on top of the bed.

「Seiya-kun. Sleep with me today」

Different from the usual, Lily's expression was serious. At that moment, Seiya figured out what she wants.

What Lily wanted was an exchange of mana required by their contract. And exchanging the vast amounts of mana required time.

That's why it happens during the night.

When Seiya obediently lied on the bed, Lily embraced him from behind and gently whispered into his ear.

「Thank you」

Seiya's consciousness was cut off at that moment.

The time passed and he found himself in her room.

「What happened after that?」

Seiya tried to recall it but didn't succeed. At that moment, Lily, who was sleeping next to him opened her eyes.

By the way, Lily was naked and somewhat tired, despite sleeping.

He asked such a Lily about the last night, but Lily made a "What about it?" expression.

Apparently, only adult version knows about the events of the last night.

After that, the two headed to the dining room to have breakfast.

When they reached there, Yua and her parents were already there. They seemed to have waited for everyone to gather before starting.

For breakfast, there were pancakes, eggs, sausages and salad. As for drinks, there were fruit juice, coffee, tea, milk and so on.

After the breakfast started, Kana, Yua's mother, spoke to Lily and Yua.

「Yua-chan, Lily-chan. How about we go shopping today with just us women? 」

To her words, Yua and Lily made a questioning expression, so Kana explained to them.

「It will be hot soon, right? Let's buy some clothes for that. How about a one piece that will make Seiya-kun melt? 」

Kana grinned while looking at Seiya, who was troubled how to react. And Yua and Lily immediately answered.

「I'll go...」

「I'll go!」

Answered Yua and Lily with serious expressions. Kana watched the two's behavior with「Ufufu」and said to Seiya.

「Seiya –kun is a blessed person」

Hearing her words, Seiya didn't know how to react again. Seeing such a Seiya, Kana laughed with「Ufufu」again.

Seiya thought that she might be an S deep inside. (TN: Sadist)

After the breakfast, the female team left and Seiya was called by Raiga.

When he entered the room, he found Raiga sitting on the sofa, so he sat across him.

The conversation started soon.

「First, about yesterday. Everything was solved without a problem」

Yesterday is about the case when Seiya made the berserk audience

unconscious. After that, Raiga acted as a witness and there was no accusation directed at Seiya.

「I see. I bothered you」

「Don't worry, you're my future son after all」

Raiga said while laughing, but soon his expression turned serious. Seeing this, Seiya also became serious.

「But the members of the association have their eyes on you」

「Association? Ah, the special association」

「That's right」

Association is an organization of special magicians, it's completely independent from the Holy Church.

They wield great power and even have some influence on the church's actions. This organization has a freedom to move around uninhibited.

For example, if Aquaristan's church has wants to inquire something from Windistan's, first things first, it need to send the request to the Holy Church. Then, the Holy Church will receive the answer from Windistan.

Then that answer will be relayed to the Aquaristan. If the answer is positive then they can act.

This procedure alone takes a lot of time.

However, the special magicians association can act without those bothersome procedures.

You can say that the existence of the special magician association restrains the Holy Church and the Holy Church restrains the association.

This mutual restraint brings peace to the Leiria Kingdom.

Still, Seiya couldn't help but ask.

「Why are they interested?」

Seiya couldn't figure out why the association had its eyes on him.

However, Raiga's answer was unexpected.

「Because I have the two of you staying with me. Lily is no problem since she is

adopted, but you are a freeloader. There seem to be some guys that think you have the potential to become a special magician, so they are investigating you」  
「I see. So it was something like that」

Raiga was meeting with important people of Aquaristan, but at the same time, he met a few other special magicians.

「There are currently 12 special magicians in this country. All of us wield tremendous power and if we ever fight each other, the damage will be enormous. Just like that, every clan tries to recruit the promising talents to strengthen their ranks, and I'm no exception」

「And that's why they have their eyes on me? 」

That's the story you can believe. Special magicians are powerful and influential. If there is a new special magician to appear, it is natural to investigate.

「That's how it is. From the standpoint of the other special magicians, you can become a big existence one day. That's why they will launch a thorough investigation」

「Oi oi, please spare me from this annoyance」

I finally obtained a peaceful life, there is no way I'm participating in some association, thought Seiya.

「I thought to stop them, but hiding things will make them even more suspicious. Therefore, I chose to ignore it」

「Hah, understood」

And after their conversation has ended, a green-haired servant girl, Melena, entered the room.

「Excuse me, there is a guest wishing to see you」

「Me? I didn't receive any notice」

Facing such a person as Raiga, most of the people will make an appointment first. But he had no appointments scheduled for today.

But he still came. He either mistook the time or is an insane person.

However, Melena's reply was something he didn't expect.

「He is one of the thirteen apostles and he is aware of his behavior」

「One of the thirteen apostles? All right, let him in, I will meet him soon」

The atmosphere surrounding Raiga changed in a moment.

## Chapter 45: Rare Visitor

The apostle came and Raiga decided to greet him, so Seiya tried to leave the room.

「Wait, you should come with me」

「Me too?」

Seiya wondered why he should attend. But he soon figured out the reason.

「That's right. He is here for you」

「Me? 」

「He probably found the traces of dark magic in the dark territory. It's no wonder that he knows about its existence. There is also a rumor that Arunia family sends their juniors to hunt the magical beasts. He might have heard that too」

「So it's like that」

Seiya's mood switched in a moment. The two headed to the room where the apostle waited.

When the two entered the room, they noticed the silver-haired man sitting there. Raiga sat across from him and Seiya sat next to Raiga.

When the servant, Melena, placed the tea and left, the silver-haired man spoke.

「We've seen each other multiple times, but it's the first time we are speaking. I'm one of the thirteen apostles, Bagil Eight. Thank you for approving of my unexpected visit」

Bagil introduced himself and lowered his head, it was Raiga's turn to follow suit.

「A special magician, Raiga Arunia. It's indeed an unexpected visit, but there is no problem. And he is...」

「I already know. Kiritsuna Seiya-kun, right? 」

Raiga was about to introduce Seiya, but Bagil beat him to it.

Hearing his words, Raiga smiled wryly.

「So you know about Seiya. Are you here because of the kidnapping incident?」

「Yes, I was asked by the seven sages to look into this case」

Bagil immediately answered Raiga's question, so Raiga continued to ask.

「How much do you know?」

「Only that he is a student from Windistan」

Bagil gave an honest answer. However, Raiga thought that he knew more and asked another question.

「Anything else?」

「He is suspected of using the dark attribute and destroying the kidnappers facility. He also possesses an ability to pass through the Great Dalis Canyon.

That's about it」

「Good work figuring it out」

Raiga bitterly laughed.

Bagil removed his gaze from Raiga and looked at Seiya.

「By the way, you are Kiritsuna Seiya, right?」

「Yes. I'm Kiritsuna Seiya」

Since his opponent was an apostle, Seiya used the polite speech.

When Seiya affirmed it, Bagil made a convinced expression. At that moment, Raiga asked a question again.

「So, did you report to the seven sages about Seiya?」

Asked Raiga with a serious expression.

「Please be at ease. I'm here not as an apostle of the Holy Church, Bagil Eight, but an individual, Bagil Naveria. Besides, the seven sages have already closed the case」

Raiga narrowed his eyes at Bagil's answer and asked the next question.

「What do you mean by that?」

「It's a simple matter. I just want to know the truth behind the incident. If you tell me the truth, I will go home satisfied」

「I see」

Bagil didn't report, but it can be treated as a threat. If he didn't tell the truth, Bagil might report it to the seven sages.

「Well then, Seiya-kun. Can you enlighten me on what happened in that facility? 」

Seiya looked at Raiga seeking an advice, but he said that he would leave it to Seiya.

In the end, Seiya decided to tell what happened in that facility.

「The top of this facility was the man in the white coat, I think he wasn't a magician. The moment before I was about to be killed I used the magic of the dark attribute to erase the man and the whole facility. Then, I met the daughter of this house and, I'm currently staying here」

「The daughter of this house was kidnapped? I didn't receive such a report」

Bagil looked at Raiga with a surprised face, and Raiga calmly answered.

「Relax. I didn't report that」

「Why? 」

「Because I used our information network」

「Was it the association?」

「That's right」

Bagil glanced at Raiga with the tired eyes and returned his gaze to Seiya.

「By the way, you said that you erased the facility, didn't you think about the criminals and other people?」

「No, not really」

Bagil lagged for a moment.

「Classmates too?」

「A didn't really care about their fate at that moment anymore. They always used violence against me and even abandoned me in the end. I'm not strong enough to help those kinds of people」

The eyes of Bagil became somewhat harsh. (TN: Screw those guys)

「Don't you regret it? There might have been other people there」

Bagil raised the volume and stared at Seiya, not losing to him, Seiya also looked back.

「I do not regret it and do not plan to. It's their responsibility for being caught. I didn't have the leeway to save those that obediently waited for the rescue」

Seiya revealed his true thoughts.

This isn't wrong from the standpoint of a magician. The moment you start to learn magic you should learn to protect yourself. If you got yourself into trouble, you are on your own.

You can't approve of a magician that just waits for the rescue, even if the magic seal stone binds him.

However, Bagil didn't agree with his opinion.

「You!」

「Calm down」

Bagil stood up and roared and Raiga said that in a deep quiet voice.

「Excuse me」

「It's not like you can't understand what Seiya is saying. You should know his grades in the academy」

As he said, Bagil knew his grades since he looked through them for the reference.

「At the bottom of the class.....」

「That's right. Did you want him to fight the kidnappers and rescue everyone? 」

「What if you hid your power?」

Asked Bagil while looking at Seiya instead of Raiga.

「No, I learned how to use it the moment before I was killed」

「I see, sorry」

Bagil and Seiya abandoned the polite speech at some point, but they didn't bother.

「So, why are you letting him stay, Raiga-dono?」

「Because he is my daughter's fiancé」

「Fiancé?」

「Yeah, that's right」

Bagil couldn't understand what he was saying. Usually, a special magician won't pick a user of the dark attribute magic as his daughter's fiancé.

「Did you aim to obtain a dark attribute magician?」

Bagil thought that there was an ulterior motive so he asked, but the answer was different.

「Wrong. My daughter wanted him as her fiancé and Seiya agreed. The dark attribute doesn't really matter」

「So it was like that」

Bagil took a deep breath and changed the topic.

「By the way, I heard that there was one more girl who returned from the dark territory. Who is she? 」

「She is the fairy from the Great Dalis Canyon. I contracted her and brought her back」

Instead of Raiga, Seiya answered his question.

「You mean complete contract? How did you do it? 」

Seiya's answer was too shocking so he froze with a stupid face. If the people outside saw his face right now, they would have been disappointed in the thirteen apostles.

「The method is a secret. However, even I say, only I can do it anyway」

「Who on the earth are you? Wielding the power of the dark attribute and making the complete contracts with the faeries...」

Looking at Seiya, Bagil lost his words. But Seiya wanted to know the answer even more.

「That, I want to know myself the most」

「Did you lose your memory?」

「Kind of」

「Sorry」

Bagil thought that it was untactful of him and apologized. However, from the standpoint of Seiya, who heard a lot of thing about himself in the Senabia Magic Academy, it didn't amount too much.

「So, will you tell the seven sages that he is the dark attribute user and can contract the faeries?」

Raiga asked for a confirmation from Bagil.

Raiga was the most afraid of the Holy Church becoming aware of this matter and taking Seiya away.

If that happens, Yua's new trustable companion will go away.

After Yua met Seiya she had completely changed and was radiating happiness. That's why he didn't want for her to revert to her previous self.

「Rest assured. I don't plan to report unless something happens, but I will be grateful if you grant me an opportunity to talk with your daughter」

Bagil won't report about Seiya, but he wanted to hear the story from Yua's standpoint. Raiga's answer to that was already decided.

「That might be impossible」

「Why so?」

「Because I don't want her to remember the time she was kidnapped. She is enjoying her life right now, so I won't forgive anyone who messes with her」

Raiga said his true thoughts, but Bagil couldn't retreat at that point.

「And If I say that I will report about Seiya-kun to the seven sages?」

「In that case, I will erase you」

Although he didn't release his killing intent, he still put Bagil under considerable pressure. To counter that, Bagil released the pressure of his own.

When a special magician and one of the apostles clash, normal people usually lose their consciousness, but Seiya was as natural as ever.

「Do you know what will happen if you kill an apostle?」

In case Raiga really kills Bagil here, he will become an enemy of the Holy

Church, the apostles and the association.

If that happens, you can't continue to live peacefully in Leiria Kingdom. However, Raiga just laughed.

「In this case, I will just fight. After all, I'm the special magician and Seiya has the power of the same level. My daughter is strong. We even have a fairy. Do you have the confidence that you can start a war? 」

Raiga looked convinced of his words. Although the numbers are pitiful, he thought they would win. He held a strange confidence in them.

Bagil thought of such a Raiga as weird and thought of a compromise.

「Raiga-dono, how about the duel with me?」

「Duel?」

「Yes. If you win, I won't report to the seven sages and give up on talking with your daughter. If I win, I want you to grant me an opportunity to talk with her」

True, if they duel, they will both survive. And the method of「the weak will listen to the strong」is often used in Freestan.

「Fine」

Just like that, a rare duel between a special magician and an apostle started.

# Chapter 46: The Special Magician and the Apostle (1)

In the open area, at the Arunia estate stood three people.

This big place had the size of a football field. In such a place, the duel between the special magician, Raiga Arunia, and the apostle, Bagil Eight, was going to be held.

Of course, the barrier that can convert the physical damage into spiritual covered the field. No matter what happens, no one will die.

Everything was set for two people to fight with all power.

「Are you ready?」

Between the two stood Seiya, playing the role of the referee. Although, everything he had to do was to declare the start of the duel.

「Yeah, I'm ready」

「No problem」

Raiga and Bagil answered to Seiya.

「All right. Then, start! 」

After he declared that, he immediately distanced himself. He didn't want to be caught in the crossfire.

「Come out.『Brunak』」

Bagil moved first. He summoned the ice spear, Brunak, and closed in on Raiga.

「『Lightning Rod』」(TN: Previously known as Lightning Needle. I decided to change that after some deliberation)

Against the closing Brunak, Raiga deployed a green magic circle and released the lightning.

The green lightning pounced on Bagil with the crackling sound, but Bagil

immediately released a spell to avoid that.

「Hear my call.『Ice Wall』」

「So you aren't called Quickmaker just for show」(TN: Something tells me that your chant was even shorter, Raiga)

「Thanks for that」

In the next moment, the ice wall appeared before Bagil and protected him. Seeing that wall of ice, Raiga thought that the level of an apostle is high after all. But Raiga wasn't a man who could be intimidated by just this much.

「Sharing the bonds of divine protection of lightning, manifest in my hand『Thunder God Oni』」(TN: Left Oni as it is, hope you don't mind)

Once his chant ended, a big battle ax appeared in his hand. Holding the battle ax, that easily exceeded one meter, he swung it at Bagil as it was.

「Fun!」(TN: Exertion sound)

「This is!?!」

Bagil tried to deflect the battle ax by his Brunak. However, the moment before the Brunak touched the Thunder God Oni, Bagil changed his intention from blocking to dodging.

The Thunder God Oni landed on the ground where Bagil was a moment before. And after a slight delay, the ground below the Thunder God Oni shuddered.

「Is this a type of pursuing lightning?」

「Good job noticing」

「Yeah, there is no way a person like you will use ordinary attacks」

Said Bagil with a small smile on his face, but his face didn't relax in the slightest.

「That's why, it seems that I can't afford any leeway. Change.『Ice Change』, 『Brunak』」

As soon as he acknowledged that, he immediately cast a new spell. But this time, the target of his spell wasn't Raiga, but the Brunak in his hands.

When the spell was completed, the Brunak showed a change.

The tip of the spear became longer and it assumed the form of the spiral. In addition, a little below the spear tip, an ice blade in the form of the shark's dorsal fin appeared. Finally, in the middle of the spear, the beautiful ice rose bloomed.

Seeing the transformed Brunak, Seiya thought of an ice dragon. He also thought that this spear was produced for the sole purpose of penetration.

(This is an apostle....)

Seiya honestly admired the power of the thirteen apostles, at the same time, he also became worried about Raiga. (TN: Do not underestimate the power of the doting father)

After he saw the transformed Brunak, Raiga's expression tightened.

「Again, an incredible weapon you brought out here」

「Yes. This spear is in possession of the ice dragon's soul. Even if you are the special magician, once it pierces through, it will be the end」

Bagil took a stance with his spear and looked at Raiga, you can find that Bagil's face relaxed at some moment.

However, Raiga too had some strength to spare.

「True, this will be the end once pierced, but only if you hit」

「You mean?」

「My name is Thunder God, right?」

「It can't be!?」

Bagil looked at Raiga with astonished eyes. The same was true for Seiya.

「Yes, it's precisely that. The divine protection of the thunder god is by my side, envelop me in your power『Thunder God』」

In the next moment, Raiga's body was wrapped in lightning. This appearance reminded Seiya of the now dead lightning beast, but the nature of lightning was different this time.

The lightning wrapped around Raiga. That form in itself was the manifestation of his second name, Thunder God. (TN: Thunder God is using the form of the Thunder God, while holding the Thunder God Oni in his hand, wow)

Seiya never expected to bear witness to this spectacle.

「Here I go」

Raiga said those words, but the moment they reached Bagil, his figure was already nowhere to be found.

「I'm here」

「!？」

Bagil hurriedly looked in the direction of the voice only to find the figure of Raiga with the battle ax in full swing.

「Crap....」

Bagil desperately tried to parry the blow with the Brunak, but all he achieved was to avoid a fatal wound. He was blown away by the Thunder God Oni and fell to the ground.

「Not yet」

「What!？」

However, in the next moment, Raiga already appeared next to the fallen Bagil and swung the Thunder God Oni with the same amount of force.

「Hear my call.『Ice Wall』」

Bagil immediately tried to defend himself with the wall of ice, but the moment the Thunder God Oni touched the ice wall, it evaporated in a blink.

「Damn, drifting ice maiden『Ice Rock』」

The ice wall evaporated and the resulting fog worsened the vision. Using this opportunity, he attacked Raiga with a new spell. Below the fallen Bagil, the water-colored magic circle appeared. The magic circle produced innumerable ice shards, which then flew at Raiga.

「Tsk」

To avoid the attack, Raiga distanced himself from Bagil.

Seiya, who watched their fight, couldn't produce any words.

The speed of the Thunder God Raiga was comparable to his own, to master such a complicated spell, that's what you should expect from the special

magician.

But Seiya didn't notice. Being able to track Raiga's movements was a proof of ability on its own.

An average magician wouldn't have been able to track his movements at all. Even if he is conscious of them, he won't be able to discern them.

That's why, Seiya who was able to follow him, could be considered a person of ability.

Seiya also admired Bagil's movements. His action against the fast-approaching Raiga showed his impressive decision-making ability.

It was indeed the battle between two powerful people.

Betraying Seiya's impressions, Bagil was struggling quite hard. Although he had some methods to fight his high speed, but it was nothing concrete.

He thought that, since he didn't know from where Raiga will attack, it was fine to attack in all directions at the same time.

That was his plan of actions, and he was able to make it a reality.

But he couldn't say that it will allow him to win.

Raiga's defense, that was hard to overcome in the first place, became even tighter with the appearance of lightning. To break it, there was a need for a concentrated attack.

However, doing so will create the openings for Raiga to take advantage of.

Truly a great pinch. Even with the power of one of the thirteen apostles, it was difficult to stop Raiga.

「You suddenly became so quiet」

「Damn it...」

He could only stare at Raiga, who held the Thunder God Oni with a relaxed expression.

Strong defense and movements that he couldn't perceive. Attack is said to be the best defense, but it won't work in this situation. No, there is no point to think about it in the first place.

(It seems I have no choice but to use that....)

Bagil thought in his heart of the spell that can instantly reverse the situation. Due to the great power of this spell, there were risks involved.

He usually hesitates to use it, but right now, there was no hesitation. In the beginning, he proposed the duel to have a chance to talk with the daughter of Thunder God, Yua. However, at this point, it didn't matter any longer.

As of now, I'm just enjoying the fight with a strong person, and I want to win, thought Bagil.

That's why, I will dedicate my all to win.

「Draconic Transformation, release!」(TN: Temporary)

*Gugya*———

In the next moment, with a loud roar, Brunak in Bagil's hand changed its shape into a dragon.

# Chapter 47: The Special Magician and the Apostle (2)

The ice dragon, that suddenly appeared, had quite the presence.

Unless you have some power to your name, you won't be able to endure the pressure that covered the whole field. Fortunately, there were no weak people here.

「Oi, oi, you just unleashed an outrageous thing here」  
「Not really, I won't be able to defeat Raiga-dono unless I do something like that」

There were no lies in his words, the same goes for flattery. Those were his true thoughts.

He seriously thought that he wouldn't be able to defeat Raiga, unless he unleashed the ice dragon. However, this spell was clearly an overkill.

「Try releasing this monster on the streets. It will result in a panic」

As Raiga said, once the ice dragon appears on the streets of Moru city, a great panic will occur. However, Bagil didn't feel like winning without this.

The ice dragon, that was far more powerful than Lily's Gedo-chan, moved.

The ice dragon opened its mouth and released an ice breath towards Raiga.

*Gurururu, gugyaaa*

The snowstorm-like white-colored breath enveloped Raiga and enclosed him in the ice.

But in the next moment, the lightning around Raiga destroyed the ice, and he just stood there like nothing happened.

「This is?」

At this time, Seiya felt his body getting heavier. Together with Raiga, they

looked at their own hands.

「Hee, calming, right?」

「Correct. The breath wasn't an attack; its purpose was to spread the ice attribute mana in the atmosphere」

As Raiga said, what Seiya felt earlier was a calming effect from the ice attribute. As a matter of course, the ice attribute, being derived from the water attribute, inherited the calming effect.

And every time you take a breath air, the ice mana particles calms your body from the inside.

It was his trump card. But at the same time, he was in the area of the effect himself. Bagil too felt his body getting heavier.

The more you breathe, the heavier your body gets. The rest is the battle of attrition. Just who will be able to last longer?

「So this is the power of the thirteen apostles」

Raiga looked at the ice dragon and said that.

With every breath, your body will be getting calmer and will stop moving in the end. That being said, you can't just abandon breathing. Under such circumstances, Raiga must fight the ice dragon and Bagil.

From Seiya's point of view, Raiga was in a pinch.

However, you can understand from his expression that Raiga still had some leeway. That is because, he still had a trump card to play.

「It's about the time for me to become serious」(TN: This isn't even my final form)

「Serious?」

Hearing his words, Bagil scratched his neck. But he understood the meaning very soon.

「Unite, together with my lightning soul, the sword of the maiden of lightning, I dedicate『Lightning God Strengthening』」(TN: Screw the incantations)

In the next moment, the lightning around him distorted and changed. The

armor made from lightning appeared shining with the green light.

This armor covered Raiga's whole body.

「So this is the Thunder God's true form.....」

「That's right. With this, I won't receive the calming any more」

Bagil looked at his Raiga's appearance and lost his words. After all, Raiga's appearance in the lightning armor is an appearance of the Thunder God, renowned across the whole Aquaristan. Bagil never expected to lay his eyes on this form.

It's said that this armor won't ever break. It's said that this armor is the strongest armor. It's said that you can't win against armored Raiga.

Seiya remembered the legend about the Thunder God.

「This is Raiga, when he is serious」

It was the first time for Seiya to see the Thunder God's true strength. Seeing his appearance, the desire to fight him was born in Seiya for a moment.

*Gugyaaaa*

With a loud roar, the ice dragon released another breath toward Raiga, but facing this attack, Raiga only swung the Thunder God Oni once.

The green lightning flew from the Thunder God Oni with a *bun* and stopped the ice breath.

*Gugyaaaa*

With its breath deflected, the ice dragon prepared for another one, but Raiga wasn't kind enough to wait for it. (TN: That dragon is a spammer)

「Fun!」(TN: Once again, the sound of a physical effort)

The Thunder God Oni moved again. The lightning, far more powerful than the previous one, pounced on the ice dragon.

*Gyaaa*

Being hit by the lightning, the ice dragon raised a scream. However, there was no way Raiga would let it go.

「I will end it with the next one」

To put an end to the ice dragon, he launched his final attack. This was Raiga's ultimate; you can call it the secret technique of his.

「The divine protection of lightning, the maiden of lightning, it is time to manifest in this world, your great existence.....」

「I won't let you. The wrath of the ice god. 『Absolute Zero Barrier』」

Immediately after the chant, the barrier of ice appeared around Raiga.

This spell is a unique spell of Bagil's Naveria family. At the same time, it's Bagil's finishing move.

Raiga's arm was getting heavier by the second. At the same time, the strongest calming came attacking at him. Even the strongest armor was of no use.

Simultaneously, multiple ice vines wrapped around Raiga's body and restrained him. In addition, thorns appeared on the vines and touched the armor.

The thorns didn't pierce the armor, but just touching was enough.

「This is the end. Unless you managed to disrupt its activation, there will be no opportunity to escape. The thorns will gradually suck away your mana. You lost」

Bagil was convinced of his victory.

Even if he somehow breaks out of 『Absolute Zero Barrier』, the lost mana won't return. There is no chance to win against the ice dragon in this state.

It was clear even from Seiya's viewpoint.

Multiple vines with a myriad of thorns wrapped around him, these thorns even sucked at his mana. Truly a desperate situation.

Despite the armor, the calming effect of 『Absolute Zero Barrier』 was still applied.

This fight is Raiga's lose. Seiya thought like that.

But only Raiga himself thought differently. His expression was still unchanged.

「I will be troubled if it ends like this」

「What!?!」

The change came abruptly. The color of the lightning armor suddenly started to change. The green armor gradually became red, and the vines restraining him evaporated in a flash.

「So you raised the ratio of the fire attribute」

Seeing Raiga's change, Seiya quickly determined the reason.

Raiga's lightning attribute is a compound attribute of fire and wind attribute, just like the lightning beast from the Great Dalis Canyon. Usually it is proportioned one to one, however, in Raiga's case, the ratio has changed.

As far as Seiya could see, the ratio between wind and fire attribute changed into three to seven. Basically, the lightning armor became closer to the fire attribute.

As a result, the degree of activation increased accordingly. Thanks to that, he was able to break out of『Absolute Zero Barrier』.

「I never expected for you to use such a method.....」

「This is the power of special magician」

「Sorry to interrupt, but the next one will finish it」

「Ho, try it」

The atmosphere around the two instantly changed.

Their aura became much sharper. From their aura, you can understand that they planned to end it with the next exchange.

Bagil moved all that was left of his mana into the ice dragon, and prepared for the final attack.

Raiga too increased the quality of his armor and assumed the most serious attitude yet.

「This is.....」

The two's aura twisted the space around them. As soon as Seiya noticed it, he thought that this was bad.

However, the two were too focused on each other to notice.

If their attack collide, the barrier will collapse and Moru city will be implicated. Is this happens, it will be a calamity.

「Damn it, I have no choice」

Seiya lifted his right hand and created a purple magic circle. However, there were no symbols on this circle, he didn't have time to properly construct it. (TN: c47, we learned that there are some symbols in the magic circles)

「Go, Dark Cannon」

As soon as the magic circle took form, he immediately shot his mana. This was just mana, not a spell. In the same way as Lily's Water Cannon, it was launched towards the two.

And the chaotic mass of darkness erased the ice dragon and lightning around Raiga in a second.

「This is!?!」

「Seiya?」

The two were still surprised after suddenly being shot at. To such two, Seiya said.

「Just stop already. Did you want to blow Moru city up? 」

「What?!」

And then Bagil noticed. If they continued as they were, Moru city would have been destroyed.

There would have been no problem for ordinary magicians. But they are a special magician and an apostle respectively. The barrier won't be able to endure their full strength.

「I'm sorry. Please accept my gratitude」

Once he realized his mistakes, Bagil swiftly apologized. The duel didn't matter at this point. If Moru city, his hometown, is safe then it's fine.

「Well then, what should we do?」

Raiga asked Bagil. He meant, of course, what they should do with the duel.

However, Bagil had no intention to fight any longer.

「you can count it as my loss. I inconvenienced you today. I will go home」

「I see. Melena! 」

「Yes」

Once called, the servant, Melena, appeared and escorted Bagil away.

And once Seiya couldn't see his figure any more, he asked Raiga.

「In the end, did you force me to erase it on purpose?」

「Who knows. However, an apostle now owes you a favor. Isn't it fine? 」

「Haa」

Towards grinning Raiga, Seiya assumed a troubled expression.

For an experienced magician like Raiga, the lack of control in the end is impossible. In other words, he forced Bagil all out and made him owe Seiya a favor.

And since he owes Seiya a favor, he will protect his secret. You can say that he unknowingly entered Seiya's camp.

「How frightening」

Seiya thought, looking at Raiga's back, who was returning into the mansion with the Thunder God Oni in his hand. And at the same time, he decided to morally prepare for future developments.

Then, after the girl squad returned, he was forced to watch a fashion show until dinner.

# Chapter 48: Premonition of a New Storm

After the holidays, a new day started in Arsenia Magic Academy.

Between the first and the second class, Seiya noticed that the classmates were strangely agitated around him, so he asked the orange-haired girl next to him.

「Everyone is weird today, did something happen?」

When he asked his neighbor, Aruna, she laughed and immediately told him the reason.

Although a lot of things happened on his first day, he felt rather good-willed towards Aruna, Glenn and Connie.

Besides, he is able to properly converse with the rest of the classmates.

The members of the fan club avoid him and the members of the royal guard only stare daggers when he tries to approach Yua. They only stare and do not complain or attack.

He also became considerably friendlier with the other students.

「What do you mean what? It's about the time for the Leiria Magic Tournament. Haven't you done it in your previous academy? 」

「Come to think of it, it is those times」(TN: Prepare for long explanations, I will brace myself too....here we go) While staring at the ceiling, Seiya remembered the time he was in Senabia Magic Academy.

Leiria Magic Tournament is a kingdom-wide tournament aimed to decide the strongest student across the whole Leiria Kingdom.

There are 10 academies across the kingdom, and their representatives will decide the outcome of the tournament.

In the Leiria Kingdom, there is one academy in the Central Kingdom, and Aquaristan, Windistan and Freestan have three each.

The only magic academy of the Central Kingdom, St. Lucifer Magic Academy, is located in the capital city of Reinz. After graduation, most of the students assume a position in the Holy Church or at the top of local churches. You can say that instead of battling, they are more proficient in strategizing.

That being said, sometimes the strategy is more important than combat capabilities. In this academy, students are cultivated to become future leaders.

In the city of Cald, in the northwestern part of Freestan, there is the Sarahditius Magic Academy. Being where it is, it's rather close to the dark territory. There are even classes where students have to subjugate the monsters nearby. (TN Or Sarah Ditiu's Magic Academy, I'm still wavering) The Sarahditius Magic Academy is the only one that does the suppression of the magical beasts as a part of the classes across the whole Leiria Kingdom. Taking advantage of their own experience in the dark territory, they often assume command over the subjugation squads after the graduation.

Located in the center of Freestan, in the city of Wokka, there is the Kamarina Magic Academy. With the strong people from the church nearby, the atmosphere of competitiveness is strong there.

For that reason, there are often duels in the Kamarina Magic Academy, it is said that it is the most battle-focused academy out there.

That's why they had a loose security, if someone wants to kidnap then he will be easily able to enter, but won't be able to leave, or so people say.

In the southeast of Freestan, in the city of Redeca, there is the Crenias Magic Academy. With the academy being close to the one in Central Kingdom, they divert a lot of their attention from the combat power to technique.

That includes swordsmanship, spearmanship, and archery. A lot of martial arts fanatics gather there.

There are many dojos in Redeca city, martial arts practitioners like to gather there from around the kingdom.

In the north of Windistan, in the city of Orna, there is the Senabia Magic Academy. This academy is particularly famous in Windistan, many members of the intermediate and advanced magician clans attend it.

After the brilliant performance in the last Leiria Magic Tournament, it became even more famous. (TN: Who do you think will attend from Senabia? I'm voting for Jin) In the center of Windistan, in the city of Kurokure, there is the Elenspia Magic Academy. There is a church in this city and the students are deeply entangled in its affairs.

In the south of Windistan, in the city of Erununita, there is the Fujirong Magic Academy. In the south, Windistan is connected to Aquaristan through a small sea.

In this sea, situated between Windistan and Aquaristan, there is not only the fish, but also the sea monsters.

Being near the sea, a sea breeze often hits the academy, as such, people consider this academy as one with a harsh environment.

However, as if to compensate for that, there are plenty of tough students out there. (TN: I'm tired, 30 min break) In the north of Windistan, in Wonder city, there is the Holkinaru Magic Academy. Because this academy is situated in the north, there are a lot of joint lessons with the Sarahditius Magic Academy.

There reason is the proximity of the Great Dalis Canyon.

There are strong monsters in the Great Dalis Canyon, in case of an invasion, the two academies will stand united to repel the threat.

While they engage the magical beasts, the reinforcements from the church, or sometimes the Holy Church, will come to their aid.

In the center of Aquaristan, in the city of Moru, there is the Arsenia Magic Academy, which Seiya currently attends. There is a church in Moru city, but it is separated by a great distance from the academy.

The reason is, Moru city is a famous tourist spot.

As a result, a lot of people visit Moru city. Of course, there are some who come here for other purposes.

With the church and the academy being on different sides of the city, it helps to identify the suspicious people in the crowds. (TN: I do not follow, can someone explain?) Besides, even if one institution receives an attack, it will be

difficult for the perpetrator to simultaneously launch an attack against the other.

In addition, the students of the Arsenia Magic Academy have considerable fighting power, you need to think twice before causing an incident.

Thanks to all these reasons, the tourists can freely enjoy their stay.

In the south of Aquaristan, in the city of Mognadiara, there is the Kristenius Magic Academy. Same as the city of Erununita, Mognadiara city is close to the sea. However, in contrast, it is a calm port city with nice weather.

With that at their disposal, the Kristenius Magic Academy secured a part of the sea to create something like a pool to train.

That's why, the students of the Kristenius Magic Academy are specialized in the underwater battles.

From the ten of above, the representatives will clash in the tournament and decide the strongest student of the Leiria Kingdom of this year.

According to the rules, the fights will happen between teams of six. That's why, if you gather a team from strong people, disregarding the compatibility, you might lose.

For that reason, the academies will pay attention to the teamwork during their final decision.

The ten teams of six people will be transferred into a special dimension to decide the winner.

Although it is called a special dimension, it's just an island surrounded by the strong barrier maintained by the big number of experts.

That's why, the insides are pretty safe, the representatives can fight to their heart's content.

They will never let the barrier expire. It will be maintained as long as needed, until the winner is decided.

A lot of students aspire to be selected, but Seiya never even participated in the qualifiers, forget about being a representative.

The reason is simple, no one wanted to form a team with Seiya. Usually, no matter the grades or status, everyone can participate in the tournament.

The same applied to the trainees, and each team that was short on members was picking from the trainees, completely ignoring Seiya.

The representatives from the Senabia Magic Academy were the winners of one of the previous tournaments. The six trainees, who just enrolled into the academy, completely steamrolled through their opponents.

The members of that team were Kair Denas, Chris Haniat, Jin Heint, Lanya Arun, Ryuka Tinamo and the leader Real Christopher. (TN: This name...well...deal with it) Despite the age of sixteen, they obtained the title of the strongest.

Seiya vividly remembered that time. His classmates became the kingdom's strongest, and the academy, as if being stimulated, increased the training regime.

By the way, the winner of the recent tournament wasn't the Senabia Magic Academy. Real left the Senabia Magic Academy, and the representatives became pathetically weak.

Real's performance during that tournament was so outstanding, that he managed to instill awe and fear upon the audience.

That's why people said that it was not the Senabia Magic Academy that is the strongest, but Real.

He was proclaimed the strongest magician of his generation. Just as Seiya, he was of a completely different class.

While Seiya was reminiscing, Aruna asked him.

「By the way, Seiya-kun. Are you going to participate with Yua-san? 」

Aruna asked Seiya about that, but he didn't feel like participating.

There is a fact that he never participated before, but the biggest reason is the lack of people. To participate in the qualifiers, you, of course, need to gather a team of six.

However, with Seiya, Yua and Lily, the trainee, they only have half the number.

There is an option to accept some other people, but it's not that easy to find a magician that can match their ability.

With the situation as it is, there was no choice but to abandon the thoughts of participation.

「No, I won't. I'm not able to gather a team」  
「Eh? 」

Seiya intended to say an obvious thing, but Aruna made an「What is this guy saying? 」face.

Seiya wondered where things have gone wrong, and Connie explained to the two.

「Our academy is a special one, Aruna」  
「Aah, I see」

Hearing Connie say that, she seemed convinced of something.

「Sorry, Seiya-kun. Different from the other academies, our academy's qualifiers are in the teams of three」 (TN: And here I was imagining the dream team)

「Three? 」

「Yes. The academy will pick the rest to suit the winning team, thus creating the strongest team」

As Aruna said, the qualifiers in the Arsenia Magic Academy were different from other academies.

The teams are divided into the 8 blocks. Then, the teams fight each other and the teams with the highest winrate will enter the final round.

The final round is in a tournament style, the winners will be appointed as the representatives.

Then, from the rest, the academy picks three students to supplement the weaknesses of the winning team, creating a total of six.

「So it was like that. Then I might as well participate」

Seiya thought that if it is Yua and Lily, then it will work out.

Until now, he never participated, even in the qualifiers.

The thought of participating was born inside of his head at this moment.

# Chapter 49: Gathering of the Members

As soon as it was break time, Seiya approached Yua.

Every day, during this time, they were staying on the rooftop. Students weren't supposed to be there, but using the mana of light attribute to jump, they were able to come here every day.

They also did their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> hour training here. The reason is, they were able to escape from the others' eyes here.

After he dominated Brick during the practical training, the classmates showed even more interest in his persona.

And if the target of their attention is always with the first beauty of the academy, they just couldn't let it go.

「Listen, Yua. Will you participate in the qualifiers of the Leiria Magic Tournament? 」

「I won't....But if Seiya wants to, I will....」

Yua's answer was the same as Seiya's. There, Seiya asked about the previous tournament.

「What did you do in the previous year?」

After thinking for a while, Yua answered.

「Didn't participate....」

「Why so?」

「I didn't have any teammates.....」

「I see」

Seiya felt a sense of affinity with Yua, who didn't participate because of the same reason. Thinking that it is a big chance, Seiya told his intentions.

「I'm thinking of participating in the qualifiers, will you participate with me?」

「Un....」

Yua immediately accepted the proposal. The first teammate was secured, the next was Lily.

The two immediately departed for the trainee's classroom, once it was a time for the lunch break.

In the trainee's classroom, Lily, together with Nari, was already waiting for them.

Once Lily noticed Seiya and Yua, she swiftly ran toward them, following after her, Nari too approached them with a greeting.

「Seiya! Big sister! 」

「Ah, senpai, Yua-san. Greetings」

Lily cheerfully called out to them, while Nari greeted them politely.

「Yo, how about a lunch together?」

「I'll go!」

「Is it fine for me too?」

Seiya invited them for a lunch. Lily answered at a light speed, but Nari seemed to be holding herself back. To such a Nari, Seiya said.

「Don't worry. This way, Lily will have a good time too」 (TN: You are just a plaything to please Lily, wahaha!)

「Understood. Please allow me to accompany you」

Nari answered with a formal attitude. Apparently, she was still nervous before Seiya, who was older than she was.

Directed at these four, were the jealous gazes of the male trainees.

There was no one who wasn't aware of Yua's beauty, and Lily as well, was a once in a generation beauty.

If only this was the end, but there was also the cute neighbor girl Nari.

And the blonde blue-eyed youth was about to have lunch with them. Not just that, the beauties seemed to be well behaved around him.

From the standpoint of a male, you couldn't not be jealous of him.

However, ignoring the gazes of the male audience, Seiya went away with

them to have a lunch.

The four came to the same restaurant as the last time. Although it was a lunch break, there were precisely four vacant seats, so they managed to find a place without a problem.

Seiya took his seat first, Yua sat next to him, Lily sat across and Nari next to Lily.

Four people ordered as soon as they sat down. Seiya and Yua ordered pasta, Lily and Nari ordered a hamburger. The waiter received their order and swiftly left.

While Seiya waited for the food to be brought, he asked Lily about the Leiria Magic Tournament.

「Lily, do you know about the Leiria Magic Tournament?」  
「What is that?」

Sure enough, Lily didn't know anything. She just recently left the Great Dalis Canyon, her lack of knowledge is understandable.

That's why, Seiya briefly explained about the Leiria Magic Tournament.

「It is a tournament to decide the strongest student magician in this kingdom」  
「Hee~」

Lily answered as such, she clearly didn't understand a thing. Seiya thought about explaining it to the adult version, and proceeded with the conversation.

「Me and Yua are going to participate, will you join us?」  
「Big sister too?」  
「Un....」  
「Then I will too!」

Hearing that Seiya and Yua were participating, she immediately responded positively. With this, the team members were decided, while Seiya thought that, Nari, sitting next to Lily, asked a question.

「Is it fine, senpai?」  
「With what?」

Seiya, who didn't get what she mean, asked for the details.

「Etto, I was asking if it is okay to include a trainee」

「Are they prohibited from entering in the Arsenia Magic Academy?」

Seiya, who knew Lily's real strength, thought that he understood what Nari meant. Nari however, thought that she was getting weird and worriedly said the reason.

「Wrong. You have the ability to finish off Brick-senpai in a second, and also Yua-san by your side. Maybe you aren't willing to join the other's teams? 」

Hearing her, Seiya understood that the rumors already reached the trainees. At the same time, he finally comprehended what she meant.

Nari thought that they approached Lily because of lack of people.

Nari didn't know about Lily's identity as an Undine, as well as her ability.

That's why, Seiya dissolved her misunderstanding.

「You are wrong, Nari. We do not want her to fill the numbers, we want her because of her ability. Lily is unexpectedly strong」

「That's right! Lily is strong! 」

「So it was like that. Please excuse me」

Towards the apologizing Nari, Seiya said to not worry about it. This time, Seiya asked Nari.

「By the way, Nari. Is the rumor about me still spreading? 」

「Rumors about Brick-senpai?」

「That's right」

Seiya had no choice but to worry about the rumors. If there are some strange rumors around, he needs to resolve it fast.

「Yes, it spread pretty fast. In the Arsenia Magic Academy, Brick is considered an outstanding individual, some people in the fan club even call him a teacher. Senpai, who destroyed such a Brick in a second, is greatly admired amongst the trainees」

「I see...」

Apparently, part of the trainee boys consider Seiya a hero. Most likely, some of them experienced the same as Connie.

At the same time, he was convinced. Amongst the stares back then, there was adoration mixed with jealousy.

After a while, the food arrived. The four had a fun lunch and returned to the academy.

「Sorry, senpai. I was treated again」

「Don't mind. Don't slack off in the afternoon, you two」

「Yes」

「Un! 」

Having said so, they spit up, and Seiya and Yua headed for their classroom.

「Hey, Yua. Is it fine if we finish with the registration today? 」

On the way to the classroom, Seiya made a proposal.

「Un....」

「Then, let's finish it after school」

「That is fine too....」

She said so and entangled her arm with Seiya's. The afternoon classes continued.

After school, Seiya, Yua, Lily and Nari, before going home, successfully finished their registration.

Qualifications entry number 86

Kiritsuna Seiya, second year

Yua Arunia, second year

Lily Arunia, trainee Just like that, their registration on the Leiria Magic Tournament qualifiers has ended.

# Chapter 50: Start of the Qualifications

When Seiya returned home, he told Raiga about his participation in the qualifiers. There, Raiga said with a difficult face.

「Even if it's you, you would have to struggle quite a bit without the dark attribute, right?」

「Kind of. It is troublesome to include the chant」 (TN: Agreed)

As Seiya said, chanting is necessary. If he intends to discard the chant, he will immediately draw attention to himself.

If that's how it ends, it wouldn't be strange to attract attention of the Holy Church.

However, those ideas were quickly discarded.

「If it is about that, then you don't need to worry. Yua is doing it chantless too. No one will make a fuss because of it at this point」

「Really....」

Seiya was stunned by Raiga's reasoning. He was surprised that Yua was casting chantless even in the academy, but he was even more surprised at Raiga's casual attitude. Bagil, an apostle, was picked because of his ability to shorten the chant. In this case, chant omission, which is a notch above, should be a pretty important skill. However, Raiga didn't even try to hide it.

Seiya couldn't understand what he was thinking.

However, if omitting the chant was acceptable, it couldn't be any better.

「Chant omission is all right?」

「Yeah. Also, your student council seems to be strong, be careful」

「I know」

「I see, than it's good」

Once he finished reporting to Raiga, he left the room.

「Well then, I wonder what will the Emperor do?」

This voice resounded across the room, but only Raiga was there to hear it.

In the next morning, the blocks were announced during the homeroom. In Seiya's class, this responsibility naturally fell on Yayuna.

「With this, the announcement about the qualifiers blocks is over. The matches will start in the afternoon, so do your best. There will be the time to discuss your strategy before each fight, use it wisely」

Just as Yayuna said that and left, the orange-haired girl next to Seiya said to him.

「Ne, ne. What is the number of your block? 」

「We are in the C block」

「I see. We are in the H block, so we might be able to fight each other in the finals」

「That's true」

「Let's meet in the finals, Seiya」

「Because we will do our best」

Following after her, Glenn and Connie also said such things. Apparently, Aruna, Glenn and Connie are in the same team.

「Yeah, let's meet in the final block」

Seiya said so and left the classroom.

And following after him, Yua left too.

After that, met up with Lily and opened a strategy meeting on the roof, as usual. Nari was also invited to participate, but she wanted to do the self-training to become at least a little stronger, so she refused.

Therefore, there were three people on the roof today.

「First things first, all teams are divided into 8 blocks, with each block consisting roughly of 16 or 17 teams」

「We will meet them all in due time.....」

「Such a bother」

「Yeah」

As he said, there were 8 blocks, and in the C block, there were 16 teams.

Thinking about that, Seiya noticed a strange thing.

「Mn?」

Seiya found the conversation turning strange, the reason is, he heard a strangely erotic voice.

Looking in the direction of the voice, he found there the bewitching adult version of Lily, instead of her usual child-like appearance.

「Why are you even here?」

「Oh, Seiya-kun is terrible~ You do not need to say such cruel things~」

Wearing the bewitching atmosphere, Lily spun around. Her two hills were about to escape their confines.

Lily's school uniform, when she became the adult version, weirdly changed its form too.

Usually, Lily (little girl) wore her uniform according to the school regulations, but the adult version could make your heart beat fast. The combo of the black stockings and the deep cleavage was very arousing to Seiya.

However, Lily switched to the serious face and answered.

「It was a joke. It will be easier to explain the plan to me, right? I will tell her everything later in the simple terms」

「I see, this would be nice」

「Right? 」

Lily directed a lewd smile towards Seiya, as a countermeasure, Yua moved next to him and clung to his arm. Looking at Yua's antics, Lily said「Arara」, and pressed her breast on his other hand.

Without minding the two, Seiya proceeded to explain the strategy.

「The qualifiers are held in the giant forest behind the academy, which is split in seven different areas, am I right?」

「Yes....」

Yua nodded to his inquiry.

The seven forest areas and the training grounds make for a total of 8 areas.

The forest is quite vast.

「Does that mean that we will have to fight continuously?」

「Yes, that's right. Apparently, if you finish your match fast, there is a possibility of the next match happening ahead of time」

「That means that the pacing is important」

While Lily and Seiya were discussing this, Yua said.

「The match is observed using the reflection magic....」

「I see. We need to think of our fighting style too」

「Isn't it quite difficult? We will fight fifteen times, and there is also the final block」

「Of course we will be studied」

The matches can be viewed by everyone through the reflection magic of the light attribute. It will provide some information to your opponents, as well as serve as a reference to trainees.

「What should we do....Seiya....? 」

「For now, Yua will fight most of the time together with me. Lily, try to avoid the fighting, and if you can't, just use some weak water spells and hide your power」

「All right」

Seiya wanted for Lily, who wasn't well known in the academy to hide her power, and make Yua, whose magic was already known, to engage the opponents.

「I will put power into the Hollins and become a speed type of fighter. I won't use 『Mantle of Light』, so it will be hard. That's why I will count on Yua for support」

「All right...」

Seiya's strategy was to hide his power in the qualifications.

「Next is the battle arrangements. Yua, try to circle behind the opponent's back and attack with the Yurial. With the bow, Yurial, you should be able to become a ranged attacker. If you aren't able to defeat the opponent, I will draw their attention to create an opportunity for you to escape. Make sure to deal with at least one opponent before entering the close quarters. Lily, as

mentioned before in on the standby」

「All right...」

「I got it」

Then, the three people prepared for the upcoming qualifiers, while discussing additional strategies. Three people eaten the early lunch and assembled in the meeting hall.

As they arrived, people were already gathered in the C block area. Amongst them, there were the figures of the royal guard.

By the way, Lily already returned to the child version. She was an adult version until the lunch, but any more than that will be troublesome.

The child version of Lily properly understood the strategy.

When the chime rang, two teachers appeared in the hall. One was a young tall man and the other was a cool woman in her twenties.

The young man stood before the students and started explaining.

「Eh, hello everyone. I will preside over the C block qualifiers this year. My name is Seran」

「Same, Najenda」

Once the introduction ended, Seran took out a small box and continued the explanation.

「There are your competition cards in this box. I, together with Najenda will draw them and the said teams will enter the barrier. Then, after I give a sign, the fight will start」

Seran demonstrated everyone the box.

「This will also test your luck. In the worst case, you will fight fifteen times consecutively. Luck is important in a fight, so do your best」

「Only the team with the highest winning percentage can participate in the finals, do your best, everyone. Well then, I will announce the first fight」

Seran put his hand into the box to draw the first cards. Once he did so, he announced the teams.

「C block, number 27 and number 86. Each team is to enter the barrier」

Seiya was surprised at the sudden development.

「Oi, oi. That happened too sudden」

While complaining, he brought Yua and Lily together with him and entered the barrier.

Their opponent was a team of men, apparently of the third year. There was a man with glasses, bald one and a brown-haired one. They looked quite capable.

「Look, they have a trainee」

Bald man said with a loud voice.

「This would be easy」

Said the brown-haired man, following after him. And the man with glasses approached Seiya and extended his hand.

「Nice woman. Are you here to make some memories together in the tournament? Do your best and become a stepping stone for your seniors」

Once the man in the glasses said it, the royal guard released their killing intent. Towards this man, Seiya said, while shaking his hand.

「Well, kind of. Please, do not hold back and do you best」

「Fu fu, I see」

The man with glasses grinned and looked at Yua and Lily. The bald man and the brown-haired man approached him from behind.

「How about playing with us instead of this man? After this match is over, that is」

「It is better than being with this blondie」 (TN: Their manner of speech in Japanese reminds of the three idiots in the beginning. They need to be brutalized)

Four-eyes and brown-hair said so towards Yua and Lily.

The baldy didn't say anything, but his eyes were full of hidden intentions. The members of the royal guard were looking at them with the stares that could kill. At this moment, Yua and Lily answered.

「Seiya is good.....」

「Lily too!」

They said as such and hugged Seiya from behind, as if trying to hide behind him. Seeing their behavior, the men stared at him.

「They seem to be greatly attached to you」

Said the four-eyes while staring at Seiya. At this time, Najenda said to the six in a strong tone.

「You guys, are you going to start or not? I will just disqualify you」

When Najenda was about to get angry, the three men moved to enter the barrier. Just before entering the barrier, they said to Seiya.

「You won't die fast. I will make you beg for forgiveness in front of the woman. Look forward to it」

The men said so and entered the barrier.

# Chapter 51: First Match

The faces of the men entering the barrier reminded Seiya of Zach's trio in the Senabia Magic Academy, who used to call him Unknown and bully him.

The insides of the barrier were full of giant trees, the light had a hard time to reach the ground. It was a deep forest where grass grew on the ground.

It was slightly cold inside the forest, since the trees obstructed the sun, so Yua and Lily were glued even closer to him than before. However, besides the cold, there was another reason. The three people from before were just too disgusting.

Seeing their behavior, Seiya said.

「You two, can you leave this match to me?」

While they were struggling with an answer, Seiya explained the reason.

「Those three are irritating, so I want to punish them. So please watch over me from the shade of a tree」

「All right....」

「Un! 」

Yua obediently agreed. If there was killing intent in his eyes, Yua would have stopped him. However, when she looked at his face, she immediately understood.

Forget about killing them or not, he wasn't even viewing them as his opponents. When you find a rock blocking your road, you just need to remove it.

And when the trio entered the barrier, a loud voice resounded across the forest.

「Start」

This voice was probably Seran's. He probably used a reverberation magic to transmit his voice across the forest.

While Seiya was thinking about that, he slowly walked through the forest. There was no weapon in his hand.

In places such as this forest, it was important to locate the enemy before everything. That's why, Seiya started looking around for them.

But Seiya thought it was troublesome to search for them all by himself. Therefore, Seiya decided to walk around without any weapon to lure them out.

If an attack flew your way, there should have been an enemy on the other side.

However, maybe the enemy thought it was suspicious or they simply didn't find him yet, there were no attacks coming his way.

Without any other choice, Seiya leaned on the closest tree and sat down. If the enemy doesn't want to attack, I will just sit and wait. If it fails, I will just search on foot.

Other participants, who saw this happening before their eyes, raised a startled voice. However, in the next moment, their surprise multiplied. Seiya closed his eyes and began napping.

Looking from the outside, Seiya was definitely sleeping. Of course, Seiya won't actually sleep during their important first match.

Instead of his sight, he concentrated on his sense of smell and hearing.

For that purpose, he channeled the mana of the light attribute into his ears and concentrated on the sounds close by. His appearance somewhat resembled Kair, his former classmate.

Approximately three minutes after he focused of the surrounding sounds, he opened his eyes.

「I know you are here. Come out」

When he said that, the four-eyes and the baldy appeared from the tree shadow.

「Good job noticing. I'm surprised」

Said the four-eyes, stretching his hand towards Seiya.

「What about the other two? Did you leave them behind, since they aren't able to become a reliable fighting force? Or did you come here to show off? 」

Following after the four-eyes, the baldy said his piece.

「Who knows, maybe you are right」

Seiya's attitude underwent a sudden turn. The four-eyes, apparently dissatisfied with his attitude, said.

「Where is your previous respect? Were you showing off before the girls? 」

Towards the four-eyes' statement, the baldy laughed. However, Seiya spoke his real intentions.

「You show respect towards those who you actually respect. right? Why do I need to give any face to you? The last time was only because of the teachers, I never respected you in the first place」

「You bastard! 」

The four-eyes raised his voice, hearing Seiya's real intentions. At that time, a big fireball flew towards Seiya from behind.

The four-eyes and the baldy aren't doing anything. It seems it is the brown-haired man. The big fireball flew towards him at tremendous speed.

Seiya immediately summoned the Hollins in his right hand and wrapped it in Lily's mana of the water attribute.

And the Hollins, covered in the mana of the water attribute, easily cut the approaching fireball in two.

「So your attribute is water. Let us show you the power of the seniors」

The three men simultaneously lifted their right hands and started chanting.

Using the power of the light attribute, he could defeat them before they finish their chant, but he decided to properly wait to the end.

「「「The hearth of the maiden of fire, burn in flames『Flaming Needle』」」」

They created a myriad of needles and launched them at Seiya.

The three thousand needles, created by the trio, attacked Seiya. They probably wanted to weaken him first, only to slowly torture him later. There

were no signs of them making a follow-up move.

Seiya summoned the Hollins in his left hand too and wrapped it in the mana of the water attribute. Following after that, he channeled the mana of the light attribute towards his brain and arms.

He raised the power of his arms, the nerves transmission speed, the processing speed of his brain and his vision.

After that, he spun the twin swords Hollins and calmed the needles one by one.

Seeing the figure of Seiya cutting down all those needles, you can't think of it as humanly possible.

The three people inside and the audience outside saw an incredible sight before them. After all, Seiya erased all of the three thousand needles in just three seconds.

Seiya calmly walked towards the men.

「Damn, stay away. Monster」

「Waaaaa」

The baldy and the brown-hair tried to escape while pathetically screaming. Against the two, Seiya threw the Hollins and accurately pierced their hearts.

The stabbed people fell to the ground and became the dust particles, thus retiring.

In front of Seiya, there was the four-eyes feeling weak in his knees and sitting on the ground, Fear was painted all over his face.

「You, what are you? A human couldn't possibly move like that」

Asked the four-eyes with as if seeing a monster, but Seiya answered unconcernedly.

「There are plenty of magicians that can do that」

Seiya answered as a matter of course. Although visually impressive, there were people that could replicate it. However, to the four-eyes, Seiya's movements were outside of his comprehension.

「There is no way a student can do that. Even if he can, it would be a thousand at most」

「I see」

At this point, Seiya already lost interest in the four-eyes.

「What was that, what was that, what was that. I do not understand」

The man raised his voice, failing to understand a thing. Towards this man, Seiya launched the water mana at him.

「This is the end」

「Damn.....」

With just the mana of the water attribute, his heart was pierced and he vanished.

「The match is over. Number 86 is the winner」

And following their victory, Seran's announcement resounded across the forest.

# Chapter 52: Seiya's Ability

「Number 86 is the winner」

Together with the announcement, Seiya, Yua and Lily came out of the barrier. When they appeared outside, the audience was staring at them in awe.

「Did they win again?」

「They should be in the first place, together with the royal guard」

「The royal guard had three people, but the blond guy was the only one who fought from the other team」

「The other two didn't fight even once」

「Isn't he a bit too strong?」

The participants were slowly whispering to each other.

On the fourth day, Seiya's team had won 14 times and lost 0 times, their winning rate is one of the highest.

There were only a few matches left. The teams that could enter the final block from the C block at this point were number 86, Seiya's team, and number 12, Yua-sama's royal guard's team, only those two.

Team 86 won every single match with only Seiya taking the field.

He defeated his opponents with the Hollins, wrapped in the water mana, or by using pure martial skills, there were plenty of variations.

That's why, Yua and Lily were just waiting in the shadows. So their skills and spells are still unknown, especially Lily's.

The reason why they continued to fight this way could be attributed to Seiya's mistake in the first fight.

It seems that his first opponents were intermediate magicians and were considered quite strong. And Seiya, who defeated them in a moment, became the center of attention in a blink.

Therefore, Seiya used it to gather the attention only on himself and continued

to fight in this way.

「It was easy....Seiya....」

「You were amazing! 」

Yua and Lily hugged his arms and praised him.

「Thanks」

Seiya thanked them and they stuck to him even closer.

Seeing the three, the male part of the audience enveloped Seiya in the jealous stares. Apparently, an appearance of the blond guy being hugged by the silver-haired and the blue-haired beauties was a sore in their eyes.

The three were looking for a place to sit when the three girls approached them.

「You are quite relaxed, Kiritsuna Seiya」

The strong-looking black-haired girl with a ponytail said to Seiya. There were the silver-haired and the chestnut-haired girls next to her.

The silver-haired girl was Elen, Seiya's classmate. The black-haired and the chestnut-haired girls were standing there looking down on him somewhat, while Elen was awkwardly fidgeting by their side.

「Who are you anyway?」

Seiya asked the black-haired girl, disregarding the courtesy. She didn't care too much and introduced herself. (TN: So the girls properly receive names from the author, poor males)

「The captain of the royal guard, Sunir Chronicle. Yua-sama, be at ease, the royal guard will erase any man who approaches you 」

The girl named Sunir knelt like a knight pledging her loyalty, but Yua just silently hid herself behind Seiya's back.

「You became quite close with Yua-sama. However, you will be defeated by me」

「We, the royal guard, are your last opponent in this block」

Following after Sunir, the brown-haired girl said to Seiya.

「I see. Sorry, but we will be the ones who will advance to the final block」

Said Seiya, as if it was a natural outcome, and Sunir said while flashing a small smile.

「Sorry to disappoint you, but we will be the winners. We are different from the teams you have been fighting until now」

「Our winning rate is the same」

The girl with the brown hair seemed convinced of their victory.

「Well then, I'm looking forward to our fight, Kiritsuna Seiya」

Sunir said so and left somewhere. The brown-haired girl and Elen followed after her, but Elen didn't look that energetic.

However, Seiya wasn't in a mood to care much.

「You are a source of trouble, Yua」

Said Seiya towards Yua, who was hiding behind his back.

「I'm bad around them.....But with Seiya here I am fine.....」

Yua said with a relieved face, while hugging him from behind.

「There is also me!」

When she energetically said so, a smile appeared on Yua's face. After that, the trio sat on the nearest bench.

It was getting late, most likely, the current match will be the last for today.

And when that match was concluded, the teachers, Seran and Najenda came to declare the end of the matches for today. However, it didn't end with just that.

「Eh, the next is about tomorrow. The teams, capable of getting to the final block, are only number 86 and number 12. And since the winner will be decided only after they fight it out, I want to have this fight to be the last one tomorrow」

Following the Seran's declaration, the audience became agitated. They were hyped up for things to come.

「That is all. Dismissed」

After Najenda's words, the students started going back.

During the qualifiers, everyone gathered in the hall instead of the class, after that, matches are being held. There is some time for a strategy meeting, but it is mostly matches all day long.

Seiya goes back with Yua and Lily.

Because of the qualifiers, they were unable to meet with Nari often, so they decided to go home as they were. After the three ate dinner, they gathered together in Seiya's room.

Of course, it was for a strategy meeting.

「About tomorrow's match, most likely, it will be too much for me alone」

Seiya opened the meeting.

「Judging by their words, they might have a countermeasure against me」  
「Un.....」

「Seems likely. Does that mean that it is time for my debut? 」

The two agreed with his opinion.

During such strategy meetings, Lily spends her time in the adult form. Recently, she was in the adult version every night. And when the meeting ends, she assaults Seiya before Yua's eyes as it is.

Rather than stopping her, Yua takes advantage of the situation and joins the attack. That was his current daily routine.

「That might be so. They call themselves Yua's royal guard. It is to be expected of them to have the information about Yua. If that happens, I will either use the unknown『Mantle of Light』together with the Hollins or it will be the time for Lily's water attribute」

「Sorry....I'm dragging you down.....」

Yua apologized for the lack of use in the qualifiers.

「Don't dwell on it, Yua」

「That's right, Yua-chan. You just need to do your best in the final block」

「Thank you....」

Yua thanked the two with a smile. Then after the strategy meeting and Lily's temptations, the team was ready for a fight that will decide the C block representative in the finals.

# Chapter 53: The Final Match of the Qualifiers

On the next day, every match in the C block but the last was over. The last match was scheduled after lunch.

After lunch, when they reached the arena, they could see a lot of new faces. Most likely, they came from the other blocks.

Amongst them, you could find Aruna and co.

「Try your best, Seiya-kun」

「We passed to the final block」

「Let's meet in the finals」

It seems that Aruna, Glenn and Connie advanced to the final block.

「Ah, I will work hard」

Seiya left these words and headed inside the barrier together with Yua and Lily.

Once inside, the three confirmed their strategy once again. The announcement followed soon after.

「It is starting」

Said Seiya, hearing the announcement.

「I'm counting on both of you」

「Un....」

「Un!」

Seiya separated from them and moved independently.

At this point, Seiya was already using『Mantle of Light』, although very weak. It was his countermeasure against their surprise attack.

Seiya moved through the treetops. It looked like he wasn't using any magic to do that, so the participants and the bystanders were quite amazed.

While moving through the treetops, he found a figure of a person. It was the

silver-haired girl, Elen.

She was holding the ice blade Bliss, and was scanning the surroundings.

Seiya stopped and observed her. In the end, he couldn't find anyone else around her.

However, he was able to confirm that she was the decoy very soon. If it was anyone else but Elen, he wouldn't have been able to figure it out.

But as long as it is Elen, the story is different. Seiya already defeated her once. That's why, if Seiya saw her, he would have relaxed his guard and attacked her.

Seiya speculated as such.

「Trying to make your opponent lower your guard, troublesome strategy」

If Seiya guessed right, Sunir came up with this plan. The plan that was built on confidence to be able to deal with Seiya.

However, he decided to thwart their plans.

Seiya jumped from the tree and landed in front of Elen.

Once she noticed him, she took a stance with the Bliss, but Seiya didn't summon the Hollins.

「Is it okay to not summon your weapons?」

「Regretfully, I'm too afraid of the girls hiding over there」

「I do not know what you are talking about」

「I see」

Without looking at Elen, he summoned the Hollins, while watching the grass by the side.

「Hollins」

When he tried to summon the Hollins, suddenly, the brown-haired girl jumped out of the grass and fired a spell.

「Now, with my power『Arms Block』」

In the next moment, the Hollins, that was supposed to land in his hands, turned into dust.

Elen's Bliss crumbled too, but she didn't panic and summoned it anew.

The brown-haired girl who destroyed his weapon and Elen stood before him.

「So your countermeasure was to destroy my weapon?」

「That's right. I had properly watched your previous fights. As the result, the theory that you can't use any spell of the water attribute was born」(TN: Somehow, I want him to summon Gedo-chan, for giggles)

「I see」

Seiya didn't use any spell in the previous matches. He only used a pure mana attack in the first match and fought with the Hollins, wrapped in the water mana, the rest of the time.

In other words, they mistook Seiya for a magician that couldn't cast spells and thought that once the Hollins was destroyed they will be able to win.

「Such an amusing fellow. Come to think, what is your name? 」(TN: About time, brown-haired girl is too long)

「I didn't introduce myself, isn't it? I'm Pikarunina Edelrunanits. It might be hard to pronounce, so you can call me Pika」

The brown-haired girl said as such and smiled.

「I see. Let me tell you something good. Your theory is right. Without those twin swords, forget about casting spells, I can't even control my mana properly」

Unrestrainedly lied Seiya. Without being aware of this, Pika made an understanding face.

「So we were right. Will you retire then? 」

Pika asked Seiya, as if it was natural to retire in this situation. However, he had no intention to retire.

「Why?」

「But you can't do any.....」

「Pika!」

「Eh?」

「Sorry, that was a lie」

While Elen was screaming her name, Seiya suddenly accelerated and moved

to her front. In the next moment, his hand penetrated the area around her heart. (TN: If it was real, that would have had some different connotations) Pika became dust as she was and retired. Elen, who was left behind glared at Seiya.

「As expected, you reacted to my movements. With this, your trump card should have been rendered useless, am I right? 」

「True. But I'm different from before. This time, I will definitely scatter you」

「Interesting」

The curtains were lifted for the battle of Elen and Seiya.

On the other side, Sunir stood before Yua and Lily.

「Greetings, Yua-sama. I do not want to fight Yua-sama if possible」

「Too bad.....It's impossible.....」

「I see. Tonight's wind in my palm『Creastnuts』」 (TN: Ideas? クレアスナーツ)

When Sunir casted her spell, a whip appeared in her hand. With this whip, she immediately assaulted Yua and Seiya.

Yua and Lily dodged the whip by retreating backwards.

「Lily, continue to hide your power for now.....」

「All right!」

Saying so, Yua created the rapier Yuriel.

「I gathered a lot of intelligence on you, Yua-sama. Please give up」

「Impossible.....」

Sunir tried to coil the whip around her foot, but she jumped and deflected it with Yuriel. However, the whip suddenly bended and wrapped around Yua's foot while she was still midair.

Once she caught Yua, she pulled her closer. But Yua twisted in the air and lunged at her, trying to pierce with the Yuriel.

Sunir released her foot and moved to the side to avoid the attack.

「As expected of Yua-sama, but I won't lose」

Sunir casted a spell with her free left hand.

「Maiden of the wind, blow and dance upon this land『Wind Fang』」

The strong wind assaulted Yua, but she cut it in two and came attacking Sunir.

Sunir channeled the wind mana into her whip to harden it and accepted her strike.

And the moment they collided, she dispelled the effect and made the whip coil around the Yuriel, stealing it from Yua's hand.

「Yua-sama, you should be aware. You have bad compatibility with me. I also know your spells and fighting style. You won't be able to break my wind attribute with your light attribute」

Sunir told her to give up, holding the Yuriel in her left hand.

「Yuriel」

Yua created the Yuriel once again.

As she was told, Lily watched everything from far away. She didn't even consider the possibility of Yua losing and wasn't worried in the least.

Yua attacked with the Yuriel, but she accepted the blow with the Yuriel in her left hand. Two Yuriels scattered sparks once collided.

At the same time as she received the blow with the Yuriel, Sunir attacked with the whip in her other hand. However, Yua successfully blocked it with『Wall of Light』.

Sunir let go of the Yuriel and leaped backwards to create some distance.

「『Triple Length』」

Towards retreating Sunir, Yua casted『Triple Length』and extended Yuriel.

And with the elongated Yuriel, she pierced Sunir's thigh. At that moment Sunir a painful expression.

Yua dispelled『Triple Length』, put power into her legs, accelerated and pierced Sunir's heart.

After being pierced by the Yuriel, an astonished expression appeared on her face.

「Why? Yua-sama didn't fight like that before」

Sunir was surprised at the fighting style she didn't see before. Before, Yua was fighting by moving at high speed and using martial skills. But today, it was different. However, Yua saw Seiya fighting in the Great Dalis Canyon and found it suiting her.

「Thanks to the person I love.....」  
「To this man?」  
「Yes.....」  
「Kuh」

Sunir became dust and vanished.

With the Hollins being destroyed, Seiya fought Elen, who wielded the ice blade Bliss, bare handed.

Seiya could create the Hollins any time, but he never did so. The reason is, he anticipated the final block.

If there are other people capable of building theories like Pika, it might become needlessly harder. That's why, he wanted to spread some misunderstandings around.

「Even if you do not have a weapon, are you still going to only dodge?」

Said Elen towards Seiya who was dodging all of the Bliss' blows. Right now, Seiya didn't have a weapon, but by using weak『Mantle of Light』he was able to cope with her movements.

But of course, you can't win by dodging.

「All right, I'm about to fight back」  
「I won't lose」

Elen was on guard against Seiya. Still, it was meaningless.

There are differences between Seiya, who experienced the Great Dalis Canyon, and Elen, who grew up in the academy.

It is the attitude towards the battle.

Elen, who was fighting in the academy, thought that if she lost, it is fine to try harder next time.

However, Seiya, who had been through the real life and death fights, didn't have such thoughts.

At this point, the victor was decided.

In the next moment, Seiya strengthened 『Mantle of Light』for a second and cut her neck with bare hands.

「Eh!？」

Elen wasn't able to comprehend what happened. She was just surprised at her line of sight getting lower and scattered into dust, thus retiring.

The people outside the barrier didn't seem to understand what happened. However, the teachers, Seran and Najenda, although weren't able to see, still felt something.

But the looks they were giving him didn't contain any positive emotions. It was the opposite, they were blaming him.

Seiya, who didn't know anything, looked towards the approaching aura.

「Seiya....」

「Seiya!」

There, he found Yua and Lily.

「How was it on your end?」

「Big sister beat her!」

「I see. With this, we are in the final block」

「Un.....」

Just like that, they advanced to the final block.

# Chapter 54: Nari's House

Nari's house was within 20 minutes of walking from the coffee shop. Her house seemed to be the one with three stories and a gray wall surrounding it.

It is smaller than Yua's house, but it is considered to be on the big side in the Leiria Kingdom. It radiated an easy to live atmosphere.

Nari entered from the main gate and the others followed after her. They climbed the stairs and reached a room that seemed to be the living room.

「Ara, Nari. Welcome back」

「I'm home, mama」

Upon entering the living room, they noticed the red-haired woman sitting on the sofa.

Her age was close to that of Yua's mother, Kana. A gentle-looking woman. Apparently, it was Nari's mother.

Certainly, her hair and eye color was the same and her atmosphere somewhat resembled Nari.

「Are they your friends?」

「Un. Seniors and friends from my academy」

Nari's mother looked at Seiya. She didn't just look, she gave the feeling of being able to see through you, but it wasn't a bad feeling.

「Nice to meet you. My name is Kiritsuna Seiya, Nari's senior. I apologize for the sudden visit」

「It is fine to not be so polite. If you are Nari's friends, you can come any time, I do not mind」

Laughed Nari's mother at Seiya's formal attitude. After Seiya, Yua introduced herself next.

「Seiya's wife, Yua Arunia」

「Yu, Yua!?!」

「What?」

Seiya tried to stop her in a hurry, but she didn't understand what was wrong with that.

「It is fiancée, not wife」

「It doesn't matter....」

「Arara, this is youth. Arunia should be a special magician family. And you are the fiancé. So you are the rumored special fiancé, Kiritsuna Seiya-kun」

「Eh, well」

Hearing the word “special” coming out, Seiya assumed an attitude that was different from usual. Instead of his attitude in the class, he was now feeling like an actual member of the family. (TN: Not sure about this one)

「I see, I see」

Nari's mother saw his behavior and looked convinced of something.

「Nari's friend, Lily!」

And the tense atmosphere was blown away in a second. Lily cheerfully stated her name.

「So you are Lily-chan. I always hear about you from Nari. This girl is always talking about Lily-chan」

「Please, mama」

When she touched upon the matters at home, Nari became flustered and stopped her. Seeing Nari behaving like a young girl should, Seiya flashed a smile.

「Fufufu, take care of Nari from now on」

「Un!」

Being asked to take care of her, Lily happily answered. Seiya and Yua were laughing at the side.

「I almost forgot to introduce myself. I'm Nari's mother, Moka. Best regards」

「Mama, I will show them the information about the finalists」

「All right, Take you time, you three」

Having finished the greetings, Nari brought them in her own room.

Apparently, she didn't want them to spend too much time with her mother

They found Nari's room once they climbed the stairs to the third floor from the living room. There were five rooms on the third floor, her room was the closest.

「Please」

When they entered the room, they found a lot of cute and pretty things, it gave the impression of a normal girl's room.

Nari entered the room and sat on the bed, Yua and Seiya sat close to the table, and Lily sat on the bed, next to Nari. (TN: nari no tonari (next to Nari), I'm amused for no reason)

「I'm sorry for mother's previous behavior」

Nari apologized with a helpless attitude.

「Don't worry」

「Good mother.....」

「That's right!」

The three didn't seem to be bothered and spoke to reassure her.

「Excuse me」

At this time, a girl in maid attire walked into the room.

The maid quietly placed for cups of orange juice and some sweets then left the room.

Apparently, this woman was this house's servant. While Seiya was thinking about such things, Lily swiftly emptied her cup.

「Well then, please wait here for a moment, I will bring the data here」

To gather the materials, Nari intended to leave the room. However, Seiya stopped Nari.

「Ah, Nari. Can I use a toilet? 」

「Yes, it is on the other end of the corridor once you exit the room」

「All right」

Seiya left the room. Nari walked towards the second floor, while Seiya walked

towards the toilet.

The toilet was in the opposite direction of the stairs, so Seiya proceeded to the farthest end of the corridor. Once there, he did indeed find the toilet there.

While attending to his business, he discovered a certain something. It was a picture hanging on the wall.

「Amazing」

In the painting that he was impressed with, there was a fire bird.

It was a scene of the fire bird about to take off from the ground. But although it was a painting, it gave off a feeling that it was about to move. Seiya was dazed by the fire bird that was about to come alive. (TN: Spirit? Fairy? Nice painting skills?)

Seiya admired the picture for some time, but eventually headed back to Nari's room. However, he wasn't able to easily reach her room.

「Ah! You are....」

Suddenly, a voice appeared. Seiya immediately looked in the direction of the voice.

There was a red-haired girl with twin tails and eyes like topazes.

「O, from the student council....」

Seiya desperately tried to remember her name, but couldn't quite recall it. When he tried to remember her name, only words like "student council" and "lolicon" appeared. It wasn't easy.

Fortunately, the girl introduced herself again.

「Vice president of the student council, Selena Phoenix. Hello there Kiritsuna Seiya」

「Yeah, that's what it was」

The girl before him was the Arsenia Magic Academy's student council's vice president, Selena Phoenix.

# Chapter 55: Student Council

「Why are you even here?」

Selena's expression hardened upon seeing Seiya.

「"Why" you saying, because I was invited」

「Invited by whom?」

「By Nari」

The moment she heard Nari's name, she began shaking violently.

「Y-y-you didn't have your fill with Lily-chan and laid your hands even on her?!」

「Ha?」

「I can't believe it. This lolicon」

Shaking Selena pointed at Seiya with her trembling finger. While Seiya was contemplating how to react, the savior appeared.

「Sister? What's wrong? The finger you use to point at my senior is trembling」

Nari, who went to gather the materials, conveniently came back.

「Na-Nari, senior, you mean, this guy?」

「Yes. That's right」

Selena was shaking even more than before.

「This man who, despite having a fiancée, has her sister as a lover? This lolicon? 」

「I am aware」

「Eh?」

At this moment, inside Selena's head appeared the picture of Nari clinging to Seiya despite him having a fiancée and a lover.

「Se~nior. Even if you have a fiancée and a lover, please love me the most」

「Yeah, of course, Nari」

Just like that.

「You can't Nari. Please come back」

「What do you mean? 」

「This man is no good」

「What was that all of the sudden?」

「I mean, if you are going to go out with someone, please choose someone normal」

「Wait, you are misunderstanding. We are not in this kind of relationship」

Nari intended to solve Selena's misunderstanding.

But because she didn't deny the "lolicon" tag, she even said "I'm aware", Seiya received some mental damage.

He thought that Nari who says what she really thinks is scary.

「Am I wrong?」

「Un. Senior is Yua-san's fiancé and Lily's lover. And Lily is my friend」

「But lover.....」

「Lily says that she is okay with that, isn't it fine then? 」

「But....」

「What's wrong, Selena?」

When the sister fight was about to happen, a door, leading to a different room from Nari's, opened and two girls appeared.

One had a green hair extending all the way to her hips, radiating an adult atmosphere.

Another one was a petite expressionless girl. She had a sort light blue hair and eyes of the same color.

Once Nari noticed the two, she greeted them.

「Ah, Mona-san, Aishi-san」

「Ara, hello Nari-chan」

「It's been a while, Nari」

Seiya buried the damage to his heart and looked at the two.

「Nari」

「Ah, it is the first time for senior to see them. The girl with the green hair is Mona Tempest-san. The president of the student council in the Arsenia Magic Academy. She is one grade above you」

「Best regards」

The girl named Mona radiated an adult feeling. She had a well-sculpted face and impressive bust. Exactly how you can imagine a “big sister”.

Seiya thought that she is the president you can count on.

「And this blue-haired girl is Aishi Absona-san. She is one year below you and performs as the secretary」

「Best regards」

Aishi was expressionless, but you can still understand from her face that she was wary of Seiya.

「And he is Kiritsuna Seiya-san」

「So you are the person Selena calls an adulterer and lolicon」

「Woman’s enemy」

When Nari finally introduced Seiya, Mona lightly touched on the subject, but Aishi stared at him with menacing eyes.

「This is wrong. This is my sister’s」

「That’s right. You two, this man is an enemy of us, the student council, I will punish him right now」

Selena said this and begun to gather her mana.

「Sister?!」

「Hey, Selena」

「Selena-senpai」

The three wanted to stop her from gathering the mana. But she completely disregarded the two and continued to gather it.

Nari was flustered and couldn’t figure out how to react, but the two from the student council had given up on persuasion and begun to gather their own mana to counteract whatever it is she was trying to do.

「Please stop, all three of you」

「Don't worry, Nari. I will punish this lolicon」

「Selena, calm down」

「That's right, Selena-san」

「It's all right」

Selena didn't give up under the persuasion and continued.

If Selena successfully invokes her spell, this house might receive some serious damage. And if Mona and Aishi used their own spell to stop her, the house might even collapse.

However, if they do it right, the casualties will be reduced to zero. But their success rate is at 50% at best,

「Senpai....」

Nari directed her flustered eyes his way.

「It's all right」

Seiya tried to reassure her and patted Nari on the head. (TN: Secret technique)

And in the next moment, he activated magic of the dark attribute without any hesitation.

Seiya muttered『Dark Wave』in his mind. Following that, the mana gathered by the three vanished without a trace.

「Eh?」

「This is?」

「?」

The three from the student council couldn't catch up with the sudden development. That's how it should be. After all, it was their first experience with the dark magic.

The reason why he decided to use the dark magic is because he was in the center of it and it happened because of him.

At the same time, it concerned Lily's friend and his precious junior Nari, of course he used it.

「Sister, senior is a good person」

「But」

「Don't "but" me. Sister, we will talk plenty about you nearly destroying the house later」

「Uh.....sorry」

Selena's appearance after the scolding was somewhat amusing. Looking at the two, Mona approached the laughing Seiya.

「Was it you?」

「Kind of」

「It was my first time experiencing this. How is it possible to erase the mana? 」

「It's a secret」

There is no way Seiya would admit that it was the dark attribute.

「Fufu, you are right. Whatever it is, I appreciate your intervention, Kiritsuna Seiya-kun」

「Thanks」

When Seiya said so, she laughed and joined Nari in scolding Selena.

Aishi too came to Seiya and said「I am grateful」then walked towards Selena.

「Seiya.....」

「Seiya!」

Seiya looked in the direction of the voices and found Yua and Lily exiting from Nari's room. The two immediately asked him.

「Dark attribute, you used it.....?」

「Yeah, but it's fine」

「All right.....」

Apparently, the two left the room after they felt the dark attribute. When Selena's group noticed them, they asked Seiya.

「Could it be that your fiancé is Yua-san?」

「Yes.....Seiya is my husband.....」

The question was addressed to Seiya, but Yua answered for some reason.

However, Selena didn't mind it and was surprised at his fiancée being from

the special magician's family. The other members of the student council too looked at Seiya with stunned expressions.

「I never expected for the special fiancé to be you of all people」

「I see, with Seiya-kun's power I am convinced」

「Rival」

The members of the student council seemed to be aware of Seiya for some reason.

「What do you mean?」

When Seiya asked, Mona was the one who answered.

「It is a hot rumor in the academy. The student council's team and the special fiancé's team are considered favorites in the qualifiers」

「I see. And? 」

This time, Selena answered.

「We have to win against you. This would be the best proof of our strength as the student council. Besides, I don't feel like losing to a lolicon」

Selena unleashed her fighting intent.

「Sorry, but we will be the ones to win」

「We won't lose to a lolicon」 (TN: Is being a lolicon a sin?)

Quietly said Aishi.

「Well, we will have a chance to settle it. Seiya-kun's team will be able to meet with us only in the final round, let's do our best, everyone」

「Yeah」

With that, the members of the student council returned to their room.

「Seiya....」

「We are going to win. Being labeled as a lolicon, I can't just stay silent forever」

「Un.....」

「Un! 」

「Then how about the strategy meeting in my room?」

「All right」

Seiya's team returned to Nari's room and discussed their future plans.

## Chapter 56: Final Block. The Start

「That is about everything I have on them」

There were figures of a blue-haired man in the glasses, Zadman, and a muscular red-haired man, Leonardo, in the room.

Zadman investigated Seiya under the request from Leonardo and came to report.

When Leonardo heard the report, he stood from his chair with a difficult face.

「Good work. I never expected that his status in Senabia was so low」

Leonardo narrowed his eyes and looked outside the window. On the end of his line of sight, there was Seiya's team that was preparing for the first match.

Zadman and Leonardo were currently in the VIP seats of the stadium where the final fights will happen.

The VIP seats were arranged in a way that people could overlook the stadium. Therefore, they needed to look down to see Seiya.

「You may not believe it, but it is said, that he couldn't even use magic properly」

「And this boy made the teachers faint upon his arrival here」

Lack of understanding was expressed on Leonardo's face.

The same was true for Zadman. He asked Leonardo, while looking through the gathered materials.

「By the way, why is he treated as a new student and not a transfer one?」

Leonardo made a troubled face at Zadman's question. As Zadman said, when you enroll into an academy in the Leiria Kingdom, the church will issue a corresponding student record.

This record is supposed to be made only once, and when you transfer, the church will transfer the record to a new academy. However, in Seiya's case, a

new record was created.

「Regarding that, Raiga dealt with those matters, so I do not know. However, it seems that his previous record vanished at the same time as this one was made」

「Does that mean that he has connections in the church? 」

Zadman's face changed once he thought of that.

Staff, accepted by the church, mostly thinks that working for the sake of the kingdom is a matter of course. The selection is harsh but the resulting trust is big.

It is unthinkable for them to work around the system. And Leonardo was of the same opinion. (TN: I tried my best)

「I don't know. It might be his connections or Raiga's. I just want you to be vigilant」

Leonardo looked at Seiya once again.

「Will he show his true colors in this tournament.....」

Following Leonardo, Zadman looked at Seiya too. (TN: Zadman's name is just too weird for the Russian me, I can't treat him seriously. Imagine a character with a name Assman)

While being aware of their stares, Seiya ignored them and looked at his opponents.

In front of Seiya, there were three people who he knew well.

Orange-haired Aruna, a guy with a short black hair, Glenn, and a yellow-haired man with the glasses, Connie. Seiya's first opponents were his three neighbors from his own class.

「Wow, for us to face Seiya-kun's team all of a sudden」

Said Aruna with a defeated tone. Although her figure wasn't tense in the slightest and was quite relaxed. Seiya went on guard against such Aruna.

「I'm surprised too. Never expected to bump into you in the first match」  
「Totally unexpected. Amazing, right? 」

Glenn answered on Seiya's statement while laughing.

Just as Aruna, he wasn't nervous and was completely relaxed. However, there was a big ax in his hand, he was absolutely prepared for the battle.

As for Connie, he stood behind the two. Opposite of the two, he looked rather nervous.

Connie was wearing a robe and was hiding something inside of it, but Seiya had no idea of what it was. Seiya looked at him with vigilant eyes.

「The match is about to start. Participants are to go to the staring positions」

Following an announcement, Seiya's team entered the stadium, the same applied to Aruna's team.

「Are you ready? The plan stays the same」

「Un.....」

「I understand! 」

The two nodded and the announcement followed soon after.

「Start!」

Together with the announcement, Seiya and Yua dashed ahead. They aimed for a preemptive strike against Aruna and Glenn.

「Hollins」

「Yuriel」

Seiya summoned the Hollins and Yua created the Yuriel, then, they launched an assault. As soon as they rushed out, they used light mana to accelerate.

They moved at a speed beyond the reaction of a normal human. Even if the opponents could react, they won't have any time to chant and use magic, thus, they will be forced to block with their own power.

This is a strategy that Seiya's group came up with.

Unlike the qualifying blocks, the final block's matches weren't in a vast forest but in a big stadium. As such, the concepts of hiding and searching didn't exist here. The outcome is often decided through the direct clash.

With this, it is easier for Seiya's team to fight in the individual battles instead

of the group ones. Although, if there is no one in the other team who can react to their assault, it will immediately become three on one.

「Got you」

Seiya aimed for Aruna with the Hollins and Yua aimed for Glenn with the Yuriel.

Aruna and Glenn were able to react but weren't able to prevent it. The outcome was supposed to be decided at this moment.

「『Sound Shield』」

A shockwave ran through the hands of Seiya and Yua. The Hollins and the Yuriel didn't reach Aruna and Glenn, they were blocked in the air by something.

Seiya and Yua tried to follow-up with an additional attack, but they suddenly felt their heads spinning and their balance broke.

At the same time, Aruna with a katana and Glenn with an ax came attacking at them. The two immediately distanced themselves.

「Was this the sound? But they shouldn't be able to chant」

「Seiya, this is.....」

Yua pointed with her finger at Connie. His robe had disappeared and there was an opened book, which looked like a dictionary, in his hand.

Seiya started sweating once he saw that book.

「That book is a support tool?」

Support tool, full name: magic activation support tool. As its name suggests, it helps the user activate spells. This book, this support tool, could be used as a substitute for a chant.

It is made using magic stones, which can store the chant inside of them. The number of chants that the support tool is able to store depends on the quantity of the magic stones.

You can easily store the elementary spells using a small number of magic stones, but when it comes to the advanced ones, the magic stone requirements are drastically increased.

Besides that, its usage is difficult. It is still a hurdle to chantlessly activate a spell stored inside. That's why, it is not very popular.

「It seems so....but this book.....」

「Yeah, it can easily store about three intermediate spells」

「Un.....」

「Can't help it. Lily, I will leave Connie to you」

「All right! 」

Seiya left Connie for Lily, who was in the back, to deal with. Participating in a fight for the first time, she was incredibly motivated.

「Water tiger!」

Lily created some water that transformed into the three tigers. Together with the tigers, she attacked Connie.

To protect Connie, Aruna tried to intercept one of the tigers, but Seiya launched an attack of his own and disrupted her. Yua, on the other hand, pinned down Glenn.

In such circumstances, Connie opens the next page and activates a spell.

「『Sound Bullet』」

Compressed air flew out of the magic circle like from a cannon, straight towards one of the tigers. Lily deflected it with a water laser of her own and successfully protected her tiger.

Deflected by the water laser, this bullet flew toward the audience. However, the barrier around the stadium didn't allow that.

That's why, the guests and the audience were able to safely watch the matches.

「That girl, isn't she amazing?」

「Such a powerful spell without any chant.....」

「She is a trainee, right!?!」

「But she is quite strong」

The attention was gathered around Lily, who was opposing Connie and his magic book. Usually it was weird to see a trainee in the final block, even more,

she was actually on the offensive..

「Water cannon!」

From behind, Lily shot two large water cannons. Connie turned a page and activated a defensive spell.

「『Sound Shield』」(TN: Easiest spell names to translate)

Connie tried to deal with the water cannon using the sound barrier, but the barrier started cracking without being able to stop it.

Once he noticed, although startled, he immediately played his next card.

「Damn,『Sound Shield』,『Sound Shield』,『Sound Shield』,『Sound Shield』」

Connie deployed four sound barriers one after another.

With this, the five-layered『Sound Shield』was completed. The water cannon broke through the four of them and dispersed upon hitting the fifth.

Together with the disappearance of the water cannon, the last shield crumbled.

However, Lily's attack didn't end with just this.

The tiger, that was summoned in the beginning, came pouncing at the defenseless Connie. Connie thought of erecting another sound barrier, but didn't think that he had enough time. He decided on using a different spell.

「『Resonance Tremor』」

In the next moment, Lily's water tigers burst and became puddles of the ground.

The audience was silent and couldn't figure out what happened.

Lily had no idea too, but she immediately produced the next attack. She put both of her hands on the ground and activated the magic.

「Raging wave!」

The water burst from the ground, formed a wave and moved towards Connie.

# Chapter 57: Their Power

「This girl, she is amazing」

Said Aruna, gripping her katana with both hands.

「Well, she is our hidden card」

Seiya attacked with the Hollins again, Aruna dodged sideways and cast a spell.

「『Fire Slash』」

Aruna swung her katana that was clad in fire. Against the katana, Seiya wrapped the Hollins in mana and accepted the blow.

The Hollins was wrapped not in the light mana but in the water mana. The two weapons collided.

「Since there was no chant, does that mean that you have a support tool too?」

「Correct. In my case, it is here, on my katana」

Aruna pointed at the part of the blade. This part was red, unlike the others. It seems that she merged the katana with a magic stone.

「I see. It is different from the last year」

Seiya suddenly smiled. Aruna was surprised for a moment, but quickly concentrated on the battle.

She further increased the firepower, the whole blade became red.

「Did you see the footage from the last year?」

「Kind of」

When Seiya went to Nari, he looked through the materials on the last year's finalists.

Amongst them was Aruna's team and her fight last year. Last year, Aruna's team lost in the first match of the final block.

By the way, their opponent was the student council.

Last year, Aruna was a vanguard and Glenn was in the middle. This year, Aruna and Glenn are both vanguards.

Because of that, their battle style changed, Seiya had no idea about it. However, he could still plan the countermeasures against their personal fighting styles.

「Compared to the last year, Connie became much stronger, and Glenn switched to the vanguard, right?」

Towards his statement, Aruna assumed a “defeated” expression.

「That’s right. This time, we will get our revenge against the student council. Also, this year’s tournament is quite exciting」

Aruna slashed with the red katana again and again. Seiya, of course deflects them with the Hollins, but in the next moment, something happened to the Hollins.

The mana of the water attribute, wrapped around the Hollins, disappeared every time they collided.

「Evaporation, huh」

「Correct」

As he said, by pouring fire-attributed mana into the blade and increasing the temperature to the maximum, she was able to vaporize the water-attributed mana.

Aruna looked at the mana evaporating and attacked again.

「This katana can easily melt weapons that aren’t clad in mana」

Aruna attacked repeatedly.

Seiya somehow received the attack, retaining a thin layer of mana. However, Seiya, who didn’t have an aptitude for the water attribute, was no match for Aruna, who had an aptitude for the fire attribute.

「Can’t help it」

Seiya gave up on the water attribute and used the light attribute.

「Is this the light? As I thought, Seiya-kun is not proficient with the water attribute」

「Right」

「So that means that your dash in the beginning was utilizing the light attribute」

「Who knows」

Aruna came up with a theory that could explain their acceleration in the beginning, but Seiya didn't answer.

He slashed with the Hollins wrapped in the light attribute mana.

At this time, Seiya poured the mana of the light attribute into his arms and drastically increased their speed.

Aruna's defense was slightly slower.

「By the way, what did you mean by “exciting”?」

Seiya, who had made a breather, asked about her previous statement. She didn't have much leeway to answer, but to divert his attention, at least a little, she did.

「Look at the VIP area above us」

Seiya did as she said and looked up. There, the principal Leonardo and the head teacher Zadman were looking this way.

「Are you talking about the principal?」

「Wrong, to the right of him」

Seiya looked toward the room on the right side of the principal.

All this time, even while being distracted, he was attacking Aruna with the same intensity. Aruna was barely holding her ground.

「This is.....I see」

「You do not look too surprised」

「Kind of」

In the room to the right of the principal, there was a man with beautiful long silver hair. That man was always looking at Seiya through the window.

That man was Bagil Eight. Affiliated with the holy church, number eight of the

thirteen apostles.

「Why is this guy here?」

Perplexed, he addressed this question to Aruna, but she had no idea.

「Seiya-kun, don't call an apostle "this guy" .....I don't know the reason though.  
We need to show our best before the apostle」

「I see. We don't really need to appeal to him, but I won't hand over the victory」

With a fearless smile, Seiya came at Aruna. The speed further increased, and an attack, that Aruna wasn't able to react to, was born.

Aruna protected her vital parts, and prepared to defend with the resolve to suffer some wounds.

Actually, he could guess to a certain extent about the reason Bagil came to the tournament.

Most likely, he came to confirm that Seiya wouldn't use the dark attribute magic.

「As expected of Seiya」

Aruna looked at Seiya with the sweat on her forehead. Aruna's breathing was rough and she was considerably worn out. On the other hand, Seiya's breathing was steady and had some leeway.

Seiya removed his gaze from such Aruna and looked towards Glenn and Yua.

「It seems your comrade is at his limit too」

Seiya pointed behind Aruna's back.

「Glenn!」

There was a figure of Glenn embedded in the stadium's wall, after being blown away by Yua.

Even in this condition, he was launching『Wind Fang』at Yua repeatedly, but the Yuriel deflected them all.

Glenn cast it again and, using the opening when she was deflecting it, he took some distance.

Such was the situation of Glenn, Aruna before him and Connie who was defending against Lily in the back.

「Apparently, it is about to end very soon」

Said Seiya to Aruna, who had one of her knees on the ground.

However, there was no trace of defeat on her face.

「I wanted to conceal it until the final match, but it won't be of any use if we lose here. Connie, I will leave that to you. Glenn, let's go」

The two nodded, hearing her shout.

Glenn lifted his ax and came at Yua, but she repelled it with the Yuriel.

However, Glenn, propelled by the force, landed in front of Aruna.

「What are you planning?」

「Fufufu」

「I'm going to unleash our secret weapon」

Aruna and Glenn lifted their weapons while grinning. It was then. The wind suddenly became stronger. No, it started blowing towards Connie.

In the center of the winds, he opened the magic book. Lily tried to disrupt him, but the wind prevented her attack.

Connie's book radiated a brilliant light.

It almost looked like some kind of a ritual. Seiya immediately understood that whatever he was trying to do, it was definitely dangerous.

Seiya threw the Hollins in his right hand at Connie.

「Damn, make it in time」

The Hollins was blown away by the wind in a different direction and didn't reach him.

At the same time, the magic book shined white. That light released a bright flash and the book burned in the white flames.

「『Silent World』」

However, the spell itself had succeeded. Following his last words, the sound

vanished from within the barrier. Audience's voices, the sounds of wind, everything.

# Chapter 58: Silent World

「『Silent World』」

With these words as a sign, the sound disappeared from this world.

(This is.....)

(Seiya.....)

Seiya understood that there was no sound in this world. Yua understood at the same time, she tried to call Seiya but no words came out.

Not, it was not like they didn't come out. Strictly speaking, she did say it. However, these words couldn't reach Seiya.

The other sounds were like that too. They existed, but couldn't spread.

This is the Aruna's trump card, 『Silent World』. Connie was able to successfully cast it only by sacrificing his magic book.

Because of that, Connie is now unprotected.

Lily noticed it and attacked Connie.

(Water cannon!)

The water cannon, conjured by Lily, flew towards Connie. However, before it was able to hit him, it scattered midair.

It looked like there was an invisible barrier in the air.

(Water laser!)

Lily switched from the water cannon to the water laser, and tried again.

By reducing its size, its penetrative power significantly increased. If this barrier's identity is 『Sound Shield』, it should be able to penetrate it.

However, the moment it hit the barrier, it scattered in the same way.

(It's a lie.....)

Seeing her attacks vanish without any results, Lily spaced out. But the final

block is not that forgiving to let her do it.

That being said, when Aruna tried to cut her with the katana, it was repelled by a small sword. Seiya's sword.

Seeing Aruna dashing in her direction, Seiya immediately injected the light-attributed mana into his legs, accelerated and protected her.

After being deflected by Seiya, she changed her target from Lily to him. Once again, Seiya repelled her with the Hollins in his left hand.

In that moment, a big ax attacked Seiya from the side. It was Glenn's ax.

His ax was clad in the wind and looked even sharper than before. This ax swung at his right side.

Seiya tried to parry with the Hollins in his right hand, but noticed that he didn't have one.

(Crap....I forgot to pick up the one I threw earlier)

This particular Hollins was stuck in the earth behind Aruna. Seiya thought about creating a new one, but very soon discarded this idea.

Without any other choice, he channeled the light-attributed mana into his clothes and increased their defensive power.

(Please endure)

There is no way his clothes would be able to protect him against this ax. Seiya was prepared to receive the damage. Glenn's ax reached his uniform and was able to easily cut through it.

(Chi)

The moment before it was able to slash at his body, numerous light arrows rained from the sky. (TN: Am I the only one who doesn't understand the purpose of the silent world?)

Glenn and Aruna, in order to avoid the arrows, took their distance from Seiya.

Although the arrows were raining all around him, not a single one hit him. Seiya looked behind him and saw a figure of Yua, holding the bow, Yurial, in her hands.

They looked into each other's eyes and he wordlessly thanked her. Seiya picked up the Hollins and took a stance.

Yua erased the Yurial and created the Yuriel once again. Then, she attacked Aruna.

Right after that, the ax clad in the wind tried to attack her from behind only to be stopped by the Hollins.

As is she completely believed that Seiya would protect her, she didn't pay any attention to it and continued to fight Aruna.

Aruna repelled the Yuriel with her katana and activated a spell.

(『Fire Slash』)

Aruna's katana was enveloped in fire and slashed at Yua.

(『Wall of Light』)

However, the light wall appeared and protected her from the 『Fire Slash』. Despite that, Aruna continued to repeatedly cast it.

On the other side, Glenn swung his ax and attacked Seiya with 『Wind Blade』. Seiya used the Hollins to cut them apart.

Looking at this spectacle, the audience was surprised at everyone's ability. The reason is, they were able to continuously cast spells even without the sound.

Normally, to cast a spell, a magician needs to chant. It's not necessary to say it aloud though; you can also recite the chant in your mind complementing it with a strong mental image.

However, it is not that easy. A lot of magicians need to boost their imaginations by saying the chant out loud.

However, in a world without sound, even if you say the chant, it wouldn't reach your ears. You won't be able to know if it was said properly or not.

That worry may produce a fatal opening for your opponent to exploit.

Aruna's team anticipated that and integrated the magic stones in their weapons. That's why, when they use this spell, they would be able to trample

on their opponents, who weren't able to chant.

However, Yua didn't look affected in the slightest. With her plans busted, Aruna changed her approach.

When Aruna looked at Glenn, he noticed it and nodded. Then he cast 『Wind Blade』again.

However, this『Wind Blade』didn't fly towards Seiya, but circled around him.

Seiya thought that it was aimed at Yua and tried to warn her, but there was no way his words would reach her. Yua didn't notice thing and continued to fight with Aruna.

Seiya tried to cast『Wall of Light』. However, different from his expectations, it didn't hit Yua and flew past her.

Seiya couldn't comprehend, but very soon found out the answer. It flew straight to Aruna.

It will be dangerous if this succeeds.

(Make it in time!)

Seiya cast a spell in a hurry.

While Aruna hit『Wind Blade』with『Fire Slash』.

In the next moment, a big explosion happened.

# Chapter 59: Telepathy

The black smoke enveloped the area, and when it dispersed, people were able to see inside. There was a yellow dome of light in that place, together with an unharmed Seiya and Yua inside.

(Somehow, I made it in time)

Right before the explosion, he managed to deploy『Wall of Light』in the shape of a dome, around them. Like that, they weren't harmed.

(As expected, Seiya, you are just)

(He is not going down so easily.....)

The two, who were convinced that they caught him by surprise, were honestly impressed.

On the other hand, Yua became depressed and looked at Seiya's face. She had an apologetic face, but Seiya didn't mind. He patted her head and told her not to worry. Of course, she didn't hear him.

Being patted by him, she narrowed her eyes in bliss. The audience jealously looked at them, who expressed their love even in the world without any sound.

Aruna and Glenn attempted to disrupt them, who created the pink space for themselves during the match. However, because of the barrier, they didn't succeed. (TN: Yue. Hajime....)

Even more, because of the silent world, their complaints didn't reach.

In the end, everyone were forced to wait until they finished expressing their love.

And once the barrier was lifted, Aruna immediately pounced at him with her katana. Seiya repelled the katana with the Hollins. But suddenly, a hurricane appeared and the wind blades slashed at him.

Seiya defended with『Wall of Light』and Aruna attacked him with 『Fire Slash』.

He deflected it with the Hollins, but at the same time, became completely unguarded for a moment.

As if aiming for that moment, Glenn struck with 『Wind Fang』.

At that moment, Yua entered the fray and prevented it with the Yuriel. She was just observing him a moment before, she wasn't spacing out.

In a world without sound, the communication through voice isn't possible. That's why, it was dangerous to participate in the same fight.

In Seiya's and Yua's case, they are able to understand each other to a certain extent, but it is not perfect. In the soundless world, it might be a hindrance.

That being said, Glenn's and Aruna's cooperation was perfect, as if they were able to communicate with each other.

Actually, this teamwork was practiced by them with the silent world in mind during this year. Their cooperation was established after considering all kinds of possible outcomes.

Because of this reason, their cooperation was way above Seiya and Yua.

(This teamwork is troubling....)

Seiya understood how much effort they put into the practice of their teamwork.

At first, he thought that they used something like a telepathy stone, but it was prohibited in this tournament.

Then, the only remaining possibility is endless practice. In present circumstances, Seiya's and Yua's teamwork was greatly below theirs.

There, Seiya looked at Lily, who tried to break Connie's barrier. Yua pulled on his clothes and nodded. Apparently, she understood what he thought.

Seiya nodded and Yua swiftly moved to Lily's side.

Because she went to Lily, Seiya needed to face Aruna and Glenn by himself.

This time, Glenn initiated the attack with his wind-clad ax. Seiya enveloped the Hollins and himself in the light-attributed mana and stealthily activated 『Mantle of Light』.

With his increased physical abilities, he deflected the ax and, at the same time, flung away Aruna with an elbow strike. Seiya accelerated and slashed at Glenn, but he somehow managed to defend himself.

While Seiya was attacking Glenn, Aruna came from the side with『Fire Slash』.

However, just before reaching him, it was extinguished by the water wall.

(Did you wait? Seiya! )

(Ou!)

It was Lily, who was fighting Connie just a while ago, who protected Seiya. Lily said that and Seiya answered.

The two were having a conversation within the silent world, but the opponents didn't hear their conversation.

The two used something like a telepathy. Of course, they didn't bring a telepathy stone, since it was banned. This telepathy was a byproduct of their complete contract.

Unlike the ability to sense each other's position, it can't be used over long distances, but it would be fine if it was just inside the stadium. Like that, they were able to talk even in the silent world.

(Lily, I will be the opponent of these two. Assist me when you are able)

(All right! )

Aruna and Glenn, who weren't aware in the slightest, continued to attack Seiya and Lily.

Glenn cast 『Wind Blade』in succession. However, just before reaching Seiya, it was absorbed by Aruna's katana.

The power of Aruna's fire increased to an incomparable degree. With such a katana, she attacked Seiya.

Seiya intended to accept the blow with the Hollins in both of his hands, but at the same time, Glenn circled around Seiya, cast『Wind Blade』and threw his ax.

A magnificent teamwork, but it was naive in front of Seiya and Lily.

(Seiya! Squat! )

Lily's words arrived and he did as she told. Aruna and Glenn thought that it was strange that he chose to squat, instead of blocking or dodging, but they didn't retreat.

(Water cannon!)

Right after that, an incredible shockwave hit them. Water cannon scored a direct hit.

The two weren't able to react and were blown away.

Glenn tried to defend with his ax, but he was too late. Before he was able to do it, Seiya pierced his chest with the Hollins.

(This is the end, Glenn)

(So I lost....)

Glenn turned into dust and retired. Only Aruna and Connie were left.

(All right, let push forward)

(Un!)

Seiya approached Aruna at high speed with the intention to attack, but she dodged by jumping backwards.

(I won't lose)

Aruna said inside her heart.

Seiya attacked and Aruna jumped back again, but this time, Seiya slashed at her when she was still in midair.

Having no other choice, she blocked with her katana.

(I won't lose)

Aruna said to herself as such. However, the moment she clashed with the Hollins, a water tiger appeared on her other side. It was Lily's water tiger.

Aruna tried to slash at it with the katana, but Seiya had no intention of letting her. Then, Aruna subconsciously glared at the water tiger with her left eye.

At the next moment, the water tiger that tried to attack her evaporated.

(What?!)

Seiya became flustered and took some distance from her.

(I definitely can't lose)

Aruna muttered in her heart. However, Aruna's consciousness was already distant.

(Seiya, this is?)

(Yeah, it is not normal, however you look at it)

Different from her usual appearance, she had the violent aura, her hair became longer and her eyes became hollow. However, her left eye was the most unusual amongst it all.

A fire dwelled in it.

# Chapter 60: Mysterious Flame

Fire violently burned, but Aruna didn't seem to notice.

Aruna enveloped her katana in fire, but this fire was different from the one before. It was disturbingly red.

Aruna noticed Seiya and laughed.

(Here she comes.....)

In the next moment after he thought that, Aruna was already before him.

She swung her katana with her right hand and Seiya attempted to accept the blow with the Hollins, but upon collision, the Hollins broke.

The katana continued on its way to Seiya's neck. At that time, Seiya looked at the fire, dwelling in her left eye.

(Gedo-chan!)

Lily created a Gedo-chan (a dragon that was strengthened to the limit), and blew away Aruna, who almost cut through Seiya's neck.

However, at the same time, Gedo-chan evaporated and disappeared.

(I was saved, Lily. Thanks)

(Un! But this is.....)

(Yeah, this is not Aruna)

(Then? )

(She is possessed)

Seiya was convinced, once he looked in her eye.

Aruna, who was blown away, stood up and glared at Seiya. At that moment, a sound of a big explosion reverberated across the stadium.

When the two looked towards the direction of the explosion, they saw Yua in a stance that suggested that she released something from the Yurial. And Connie became a cloud of dust and retired.

Apparently, she pierced through Connie's barrier by shooting the Yuriel from the Yuriel.

Indeed, this technique was able to defeat even the strengthened lightning beast, it wasn't surprising that it was able to deal with Connie.

「As expected of you, Yua」

Seiya was surprised at her decisiveness.

He never thought that she would use it inside the academy. By the way, once Connie retired, 『Silent World』was forcibly dispelled and the sound returned.

「Finished....only one left....」

Said Yua once she arrived to Seiya's side. However, once she saw Aruna's appearance, she immediately changed her expression.

「Seiya.....this is? 」

「Don't know. But it is strong」

「No doubt.....」

Yua nodded and created the Yuriel in her hand. Seiya created the Hollins too and enveloped it in the light-attributed mana.

Since this had happened, there was no need to conceal his power anymore.

As if she was waiting for them to create their weapons, Aruna attacked right after they did that.

Seiya accepted the blow with the light-clad Hollins.

「Who the hell are you?」

Asked Seiya, while blocking her blow. He never expected to hear the answer, but that "something" did answer.

「Well, who knows. By the way, aren't you going to use your power of darkness? 」

「You, how do you.....」

Seiya had no idea why it knew about the dark attribute. At present, only Yua, Lily, certain people in the Arunia family and an apostle, Bagil, knew about it.

No one should have known besides them. However, the "something" inside

Aruna said.

「Heh, you can't defeat me without your dark attribute」

「I see. So if I use it, I will be able to defeat you」

「However, once you use it, everything will be over, you know? 」

「Who cares」

Seiya separated from Aruna and cast『Flash』, but its target wasn't Aruna, but the audience.

The audience wasn't able to react to the sudden『Flash』and lost their sight. Utilizing this opportunity, Seiya switched the mana around the Hollins from light to dark.

The audience won't be able to see for at most 30 seconds. Seiya used『Mantle of Light』and was prepared to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

「Apparently, you dislike towards the dark attribute wasn't a lie」

「Bastard.....」

「Yua, Lily, please restrain it. I will deal the final strike」

「Understood....」

「Un! 」

Yua poured the light-attributed mana into the Yuriel and closed in on Aruna. However, Aruna swung her katana to meet it.

「『Flame God Break』」

In the next moment, a mass of fire falls towards Yua. Yua avoided this mass and tried to cast『Holy Hammer』. However, right after, the ground below Yua ruptured.

Yua lost her balance and fell of her knee. Not willing to let go of this opening, Aruna cast『Flame God Break』again.

However, just before reaching Yua, 『Flame God Break』vanished without a trace. Of course, it was due to Seiya's『Dark Wave』.

「You finally used it」

「Of course, it is your weakness after all」

While the audience wasn't able to see, he could use the dark attribute to his

heart's content.

That being said, if he used some large-scale spells, there would be a risk of audience detecting it. Because of that, he could only use some simple spells. By even like that, the dark attribute wasn't to be underestimated.

Seiya cast the『Dark Wave』at Aruna. Aruna chose to defend.

「『Dance of the Flame God』」

In the next moment. A dazzling flame vortex appeared around Aruna. It was able to defend against『Dark Wave』.

「Not strong enough, huh」

「It is fine.....」

At that time, he heard a voice from behind. There, was a figure of Yua loading the Yuriel into the Yurial. A white light was agglomerating at the Yuriel's tip.

「Holy Law」

Yua released the bowstring. Clad in the sacred light, the spinning Yuriel flew at Aruna.

When Aruna looked at the Yuriel, she quietly murmured.

「Useless struggle.『Breath of the Fire Dragon』」 (TN: Natsu?)

Suddenly, a wind blew in Yua's direction. That wind was considerably hot and melted the flying Yuriel.

Next, this hot wind tried to melt Yua's soft skin.

However, the fiancé, of course, won't allow it.

「『Dark Wave』」

The hot air was completely disintegrated on molecular level.

The matter disappeared from that place, and, due to the difference in pressure, the wind blew again. But this time, it was just normal wind, that being said, it was still quite strong.

Up to this point, it was about 18 seconds. Someone amongst the audience might regain his vision very soon.

Aruna didn't react to the wind and closed her eyes. Seiya looked at such Aruna and smiled.

「Lily, now!」

「All right!『Water Barrier』! 」

Together with her scream, water gathered around Aruna and bind her.

「Useless. I can easily evaporate your water. Once it all evaporates.....」

True, her previous attack didn't stand a chance and evaporated. But Lily was perfectly aware of it herself.

「I know! But, will you be able to evaporate all of this water before being cut down by Seiya!？」

「What!？」

At this point, Aruna noticed. The surrounding ground was damp, there were water puddles all around her.

All this water was left over from her previous spells during this match.

The deflected water soaked the ground. There was also plenty of vapor in the air. Currently, the atmosphere in the stadium was quite humid.

And as long as it is water, Lily can easily manipulate it.

Even if Aruna vaporized it, Lily could gather it again.

「Seiya!」

「Yeah, this is the end」

Seiya maximized『Mantle of Light』and the mana wrapped around the Hollins, then, he closed in on Aruna.

Like that, the Hollins penetrated her chest and erased the mysterious being inside of her.

The mysterious flame said「We will meet again」and disappeared. After she was released from the mysterious flame, Aruna collapsed on the ground, turned into dust and retired.

After Aruna's retirement, they won the first round, but there was no announcement. Well, that was understandable.

After all, the audience had just regained the vision after『Flash』.

Just as they regained their vision, they saw that the match has ended. They couldn't understand what happened.

「Etto....The winner of the first round of the final block is the team 86.」  
「「「「「「Uoooooooooooo」」」」」」

The audience cheered after the late announcement.

Although they didn't know what happened in the end, they were exited seeing this rare high-level match.

On the other hand, in the VIP section.

「Excuse me」

A silver-haired man entered the room where a man in glasses and a man with scarlet hair were.

「Isn't it Bagil-dono. Thank you for coming」

Zadman greeted Bagil, but he ignored him and approached Leonardo.

「Leonardo-dono, what was that?」

「Are you referring to?」

「Playing dumb? It is about the possession of that girl」

「I wonder what you are talking about」

「Leonardo-dono! 」

Bagil knew. The flame that was inside of Aruna was Leonardo's contracted spirit. However, Leonardo was pretending not to know.

There was a tense atmosphere in the VIP room.

# Chapter 61: Final Round

「At last, it is time for the final round!」

The lively girl's voice resounded across the stadium.

After the unforgettable match against the Aruna's team, they successfully reached the final round.

「The live commentary is provided by me, Nils. Also, today, an unexpected person will join me! The Holy Church's apostle, number eight, Bagil Eight-san! 」  
「Best regards」

Uoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo.

The students in the stadium cheered. That was understandable. After all, an apostle came to provide a commentary.

The thirteen apostles are famous existences that you can't easily see. Besides, Bagil himself was quite handsome, he was popular like an idol.

「Bagil-sama, I heard from the principal that you graduated from this academy」

「It is indeed so. Can you please drop this 「-sama」 of yours? I just can't get used to it」

「Bu-but」

Nils was confused by his words.

「Rather than an apostle, I'm here as an OB from this academy」 (TN: Old boy)

「S-so it was like that. Then, Bagil-san」

「Yes」

Feeling rather nervous, she called him with「-san」. Hearing her, Bagil nodded with a smile.

Facing this smile, not just Nils, but the whole audience cheered. (TN: Damn you, ikemen)

Bagil was here today not just because he was an OB. He is here to prevent the principal from messing with the tournament like in the first match.

Originally, Bagil wanted to become a commentator starting from the second match, but Leonardo didn't let him.

Bagil was convinced that Leonardo was investigating Seiya. He didn't have any evidence, but he could see that Leonardo was interested in Seiya.

Besides, Seiya is accompanied by some kind of spirit. Leonardo was probably interested in that too.

Even Bagil was surprised when he saw Lily for the first time. After all, you can't see fairies and spirits around the city, even more, she was participating in a tournament.

If Bagil wasn't aware of his secret, he would have already reported to the Holy Church. However, Bagil knew about their complete contract. That being said, he never expected to see her attending the school.

But Leonardo didn't know about his secret. Because of that, there was a high possibility that Leonardo would come up with something to reveal this secret.

「The teams are appearing on the stage! First, the team that appeared like a comet and defeated their opponents one after another! Team 86! 」

Uoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo.

The audience cheered once again.

It was true that they appeared like a comet and defeated their opponents one after another, but the cheers were mostly directed at Yua and Lily. That's how it should be. There were two absolutely beautiful girls present. It wasn't surprising to see the male part of the audience scream.

But they weren't everyone, the girls also cheered. They cheered for Seiya.

The figure of Seiya in the qualifiers, who didn't let the girls fight and took on every opponent himself. The figure of Seiya in the finals, who despite facing the strong opponents was always in the front. The notion of「I want to be protected by Seiya-sama too」begun to quietly spread across the academy.

「Their opponent is of course *that* team! The academy's strongest team! Team

student council! 」

Uoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo. (TN: ctrl+c, ctrl+v)

Seiya thought, that once they appeared, the audience will become silent, but he was wrong. Even if the student council was usually avoided, they still seemed to be popular.

「All right, both teams have appeared. Bagil-san, what do you think of the student council? It is said that the three's teamwork could even give a special magician a headache」

「Eh, you are right. But the other team is also worthy of attention. That boy's swordsmanship is quite a marvel to look at」

「I see」

Such words resounded from the commentator's seats. There was only one boy in the two teams. Of course, it was Seiya. Seiya looked at Bagil and remembered the previous day.

Yesterday, after he won the second match, Raiga called him into his room.

When he arrived, he saw Raiga and Bagil discussing something with serious expressions.

Seiya sat down next to Raiga and Bagil started talking.

The talk was about the sudden change of Aruna in the first round. According to Raiga and Bagil, it was Leonardo's own spell『Possession』.

A spell that utilizes his contracted spirit to take control of someone's body. It seems to be Leonardo's field of expertise.

When Seiya was still in the Senabia Magic Academy, he also read about such spells. But it was his first time seeing it.

According to Bagil, Leonardo, most likely, wanted to uncover his real identity, there was also a possibility of him trying to attempt it again.

That being said, the target needs to have a strong body and he wasn't able to use it in the second match. The only possibilities left for him were the members of the student council.

In Bagil's opinion, if he uses this spell on them, the result would be several

times stronger than in Aruna's case. If that happens, the existence of the dark element would be the key. In the worst case, Bagil asked to give priority to their safety, even if it requires him to use the dark attribute.

Seiya will create a barrier from the inside and Bagil from the outside, in that way, he would be able to use the dark attribute. Bagil and Raiga agreed on that, and the meeting came to an end.

When Seiya recalled that, he looked at the student council. He didn't tell Yua and Lily about it.

Like that, they will be able to fight without any worries. As long as nothing happened, Seiya planned to do so too.

From the other side, Selena walked towards Seiya. For a greeting before a fight, her eyes were a bit too hostile.

Sure enough, nothing friendly came out of her mouth.

「I didn't expect that you would reach the final round. Not bad for a lolicon. However, this is the end. We will defeat you」(TN: I'm not a lolicon, but I have an objection)

「Feel free」

After this short conversation, both teams were ready for the match.

「Final match of the final block. Start」

With the judge's announcement, the curtains of the final fight had opened.

# Chapter 62: The Power of the Student Council

Selena moved first. Selena took out two guns from the holsters on her legs and pulled the triggers. A bullet flew out, it was a mana bullet, not a material one.

Unlike ordinary handguns, hers had a rectangular red barrel and a red magic stone embedded in the muzzle. The magic stone was the source of the bullets.

This gun is called『Magic-powered Handgun』or『Magic Gun』, a weapon that shoots mana bullets. Thinking about it, everyone should use this convenient weapon, but, regretfully, it has a drawback. Mana efficiency.

To use it, you need to channel your mana into the magic stone, where it will transform the mana into the mana bullet and shoot it out. The consumption of mana during this process is big and almost no one uses it.

Seeing her with two guns from the start, you could speculate about her enormous mana pool.

In response, Seiya summoned the Hollins and struck the bullets down.

「O, such high-level moves right from the start! This is the final battle. Bagil-san, what do you think about this match? 」

「Let's see. The weapon of participant Selena is quite a rare article. Moreover, she seems to have a talent in dual wielding them. There is an apostle that wields two guns too, but she is not much inferior」

「Who knew! Participant Selena's skill isn't inferior to an apostle. How are the opponents going to deal with it? 」

Without paying attention to the commentators, Selena continued to fire rapidly without any mercy. However, Seiya struck them down as if they were nothing at all.

「You aren't bad」

「Well, thanks. But you aren't done with just this, right? 」

「Right. Aishi! 」

「Roger」

When Selena called the expressionless girl in the back, she lifted her left hand forward.

「『Iced Archer』」

In the next moment, in Aishi's left hand, an ice bow appeared. She loaded an ice arrow and shot it at Seiya.

Once Selena confirmed the launch of an arrow, she resumed the rapid-fire. But even with an arrow closing in on him, Seiya was repelling the bullets just as he was before.

Disregarding the arrow, he concentrated on the mana bullets.

Seiya grinned and the light arrow that came from behind shot down the ice arrow.

Of course, it was an arrow shot by Yua. There was the Yurial in her hand.

「Such a development! Participant Yua shot down the ice arrow by an arrow of her own! 」

The commentator Nils and the audience were surprised by her display of skills, but the six in the arena weren't surprised in the slightest.

After shooting down the ice arrow, Yua created Yuriel and tried to attack Aishi, but her path was barred by Mona.

With her swaying green hair and a cane in her hand, she said.

「『Tempest』」

Right after that, strong winds assaulted Yua. The winds broke her balance for a moment, but she quickly recovered and tried to attack Aishi, who was behind Mona, again.

However, she instinctively felt danger and dodged backwards. Following that, she found multiple knives struck in the spot she was before.

「This is.....」

When she looked at Mona, Mona directed a smile at her. However, instead of Mona's smile, a myriad of knives spinning in the air clockwise was reflected in her eyes.

They were just quietly spinning in the air, but were incredibly intimidating.

Yua faced Mona with the Yuriel and the wind blew again, but this time, it was a gentle wind.

The wind picked up the knives stuck in the ground, and brought them behind Mona, where they mixed with the rest.

「I won't let you reach Aishi」

Mona gazed at Yua with a smile, and Yua frustratingly glared back.

「Big sis, leave it to me!」

The voice came from behind. It was Lily. Lily created a multitude of water spheres around her, jumped, molded them into a myriad of water bullets and released them towards Mona.

「Mizuchi!」

「Arara」

Mona lifted her big cane above her head and activated a spell.

「Tempest」

The moment she said that, the multitude of knives behind her flew in the air, collided with the water bullets and fell on the ground.

While she was at it, Lily cast another spell.

「Water Cannon!」

The water closed in on her from above. However, Mona, without getting flustered, pointed her cane at the water cannon and muttered again.

「Tempest」

Once she muttered that, the water cannon weirdly turned and fell right beside Mona.

「I won't go down so easily. I remembered this attack from the first round.

That being said, attacking from above and adding the force of gravity to your attack is quite impressive」

As Mona said, although she revealed an opening by jumping that high, she used the gravity to add the power to her attack.

That was Seiya's proposal, even if she blocked it, she won't be able to remain unscathed. Mona noticed it, and chose to avert the attack instead of blocking it.

「But big sister slipped through!」

「You are right. However, those are things that couldn't be helped. We decided since the beginning that I would be your opponent」

As she said, they preemptively decided who would be responsible for who. And Mona's opponent was Lily.

While Mona was facing Lily, Yua arrived to Aishi with the Yuriel in hand. Aishi tried to release an ice arrow at Yua, but she dodged and successfully closed in on her.

And the moment Yua arrived up close and tried to strike her, Aishi grinned.

「『Iced Hunter』」

In the next moment, her bow transformed into a scythe. She swung that scythe at Yua's neck.

「『Single Light』」

Confirming that the bow changed into the scythe, she channeled the light-attributed mana into her legs, accelerated and evaded the blow.

「『Iced Night』」

「.....」

When she said it, this time, it changed into an ice blade. Aishi held the ice blade and attacked Yua.

Yua blocked with the Yuriel, but in the next moment, she received a big surprise.

The moment they touched each other, the Yuriel froze.

「Yuriel」

She released the frozen Yuriel and created another one. This time, she enveloped the Yuriel in the light-attributed mana, so it won't freeze upon contact.

They collided once again, and this time, the ice blade broke.

She discarded the broken blade and activated the spell in her hand.

「『Iced Night』」

Immediately after, an ice blade of the same size appeared in her right hand.

「What is happening.....In this match, no one is chanting yet.....」

The always-energetic Nils became quiet since a while ago. The audience was like that too. Currently, no one was able to comprehend this match.

In this world, where chantless is rare, you can't see such a fight easily. It was even more unexpected to witness it in the student's tournament.

「Being surprised is understandable. But if you look at them one by one, you won't find it that weird. Participant Selena's guns are based on『Transformation』spell, participant Mona has a green magic stone with『Wind Way』stored inside of it, embedded in her cane. Participant Aishi's blue necklace is made from magic stones. Most likely it stores something like『Ice Make 』inside of it. Those are common spells, and depending of the usage, they can greatly influence the fight」 (TN: My tribute to Gray from FT)

The audience didn't seem convinced by Bagil's explanation.

What Bagil said was possible, but the magic guns required tremendous quantity of mana to be used repeatedly. Mona's『Wind Way』creates a wind way, as you can guess from the name, but the number of ways is abnormal.

Aishi's『Ice Make 』is able to create ice, but the magic stone should have been already used up. However, Aishi used it thrice.

This situation was clearly abnormal. Last year, the student council didn't use any of it and the students were able to comprehend what they saw.

The problem was with the trio who opposed them. They were able to chantlessly compete against the student council.

They were able to hold their ground against the student council, which is rumored to have the power to compete against a special magician. The audience wasn't able to piece things together.

This wasn't anything but abnormality. If they knew that it wasn't their full power, they would have fainted already.

「Thank you for your explanation. Then, can you please provide an explanation about the other team? 」

At Nils comment, Bagil broke in a sweat. Bagil didn't know all of their secrets, but he knew a part of them. It was enough to make him hesitate with a response.

「Eh, participant Seiya most likely uses the『Summon』type magic to summon his twin swords. I think his swordsmanship deserves the attention too. I'm speculating that participant Yua has multiple 『Summon』magic stones hidden on her. Participant Lily's water spheres are quite noteworthy, they might be created through the use of something like participant Mona's『Wind Way』」  
「The meaning is, the three are hiding the magic stones somewhere on their body? 」

「That is what it appears to be」

Of course, that was a lie. He didn't know about Yua, but he could guess about Seiya and Lily to a certain extent. However, saying this will bring the panic.

The student council team though that Bagil was lying. They didn't know Seiya's secret, but their observation and intuition told them as such.

There was no presence of magic stones in Seiya's magic. They felt that Yua's magic wasn't of the『Summon』type in the first place. And they felt only the water attribute from Lily's spells, no『Wind Way』was present.

An apostle should be aware of all those things even without fighting directly. Yet Bagil said a wrong thing.

Selena thought of that as strange, and at the same time, her interest in Seiya increased.

She wanted to become stronger, yet, there was no one in the academy who could compete with her. With that as a reason, she wasn't able to improve any

further.

That's why Selena was delighted to meet the opponent she could fight seriously.

Selena thought. Thought about her strongest magic. Thought that her opponent's level was different from the ones before.

She also thought that she wouldn't be able to best Seiya with her usual way of fighting. With that as it is, she needs a new strategy, a new kind of attack.

「If it is now.....」

Theoretically, this spell was completed. She was almost able to cast it hundreds, no, thousands of times. However, she didn't succeed even once. She was afraid.

The spell she was about to activate was difficult to control, even for her. In case of this spell going out of control, there might be victims.

Even if they were inside of the barrier, there was a chance that the barrier won't be able to persist. (TN: Then don't)

She was uneasy even thinking about activating it. Selena didn't have the courage to use it up until now.

She tried it once before and wasn't able to finish it. The fear stopped her. At that time, she swore.

If there is a next opportunity, I won't have any regrets.

「Abyss of the fire maiden, appear before me『Atos』」 (TN: Temp)

Selena chanted in a powerful voice.

## Chapter 63: 『Atos』

The chant, that she didn't dare to finish before, came out smoothly.

Selena activated the spell.

She channeled the mana in the magic guns, pointed at Seiya and pulled the trigger. This time, it wasn't a single bullet. A red laser came out.

Immediately after, it split apart and spread in a zigzag pattern.

All of those lasers suddenly twisted and flew towards Seiya. They numbered roughly twenty thousand.

Twenty thousand laser further split and poured on Seiya like rain. Each and every laser carried the incredible heat with it.

「Really?.....」

Once he saw this spell, even Seiya became speechless. At this time, there were multiple ways to deal with those lasers, but most of them included the dark element and were rejected.

That's why, he chose the best possible solution from the options that were left.

「I didn't want to rely on it too much, but it can't be helped.『Mantle of Light』」

His whole body was permeated by the light mana, but it wasn't the end.

「Limit Break」

In the next moment, the color vanished from his eyes. In the monochrome world, Seiya gazed at the lasers.

He faced the multitude of lasers. Seiya enveloped the Hollins in the water mana and touched a laser.

Once he calmed a laser that was about to hit him, he breathed out a sigh of relief. With this he can successfully deflect『Atos』, at least he thought so.

However, once that laser touched the ground, it bent in a weird angle and came straight at Seiya.

「Oioi, is this the tracking type?.....」

As he said, the laser was of the tracking type.

He was tempted to cast『Dark Wave』, but didn't do it in the end. Seiya kept hitting the lasers and calming them down.

Three seconds didn't pass, but Seiya felt as if he did it for 10 minutes.

Once he completely calmed all of the lasers, he dispelled『Mantle of Light』and the world returned to its original speed. There was no one in the audience who was able to perceive what had happened.

「Wha.....what just happened?....」

Nils was petrified, the same was true for the audience.

That wasn't surprising, first, they saw the lasers closing in on Seiya and, in the next moment, they vanished together with Seiya.

Seiya appeared several meters away from his previous position with the scorched lines all around him.

「What on earth did you do?」

Selena asked in a stunned voice. The spell that she just cast was moving at incredible speed, there should have been no way for him to dodge it.

However, she couldn't comprehend how he was able to remain unscathed.

「Don't you think that twenty thousand was a bit too much?」

On the other hand, Seiya complained about the number of the lasers.

「Waha, awawawawawaawawa」

Hearing his words, Selena laughed as if she broke.

He didn't just destroy her strongest spell, he even complained about the number of the lasers. Even Selena herself only approximately knew the number.

She could only laugh in the face of Seiya's abnormal actions.

「It seems it's my win」

Seiya tried to finish Selena off, but at this time,

「It's not over yet」

Suddenly, a girl with the short blue hair appeared in front of him, it was Aishi. She had the twin swords in her hands.

「Is it all right to leave Yua?」

「No problem. Mona-senpai will take care of her」

When he looked in Mona's direction, he saw Lily and Yua fighting together against her.

「I understand. So that's what happened」

「Yes. That's why your opponent is me」

「I see」

Seiya decided to disregard Selena for a moment and engaged Aishi.

Aishi pierced at Seiya's face with the sword in her right hand, but he strongly deflected it with the Hollins.

While taking a step back, she changed the sword in her left hand into a scythe and tried to hit Seiya's neck.

「I'm aware」

As if he knew about the scythe beforehand, he easily evaded it by falling back. At the same time, he threw the Hollins in his right hand at her face.

However, an ice wall blocked the Hollins.

Once it happened, he created another one in his right hand. At this point, the audience believed that it was the summoning magic. But Bagil wasn't sure.

After blocking the Hollins, she made the twin swords once again and pierced at his abdomen.

「『Wall of Light』」

However, Seiya prevented her attack by『Wall of Light』. And once the ice twin swords hit『Wall of Light』, they broke.

「You are wide open」

「Damn....」

While falling, he put his left hand on the ground and used it as a leverage point to kick at Aishi's left side.

Aishi, who received the kick, was blown away and fell on the ground.

「Nice technique, but naive」

「You are wrong」

「What?」

Aishi laughed as if convinced in something.

「Don't move」

He heard a dignified voice from behind. Behind him Selena, who was spacing out just a moment ago, pointed the magic gun at his head.

「Were you acting before?」

Seiya knew that it wasn't an act, but decided to confirm.

「Wrong」

「Ho, then how did you recover?」

「I remembered」

「Remembered?」

Seiya had no clue.

「Yes, we are the strongest when together. Even if I can't win alone, there are others. Aishi reminded me of that」

「I see」

She was certainly spacing out, but once she saw her junior coming to her rescue, she remembered.

They are a team, they are the strongest.

And she sought to take advantage of the situation where he completely forgot about her.

「All right, then why am I still alive?」

Seiya was perplexed. The people aren't able to die inside of the barrier, there was no need to hesitate.

「Because I want to hear something from you」

「Something you want to hear?」

Selena wanted to learn the secret on his strength.

「Who on earth are you? What was that power? 」

「That power?」

「Yes. That technique that was akin to instantaneous movement. I didn't see or hear about such magic」

「It's not like you know everything」

「That's not the problem. That thing was closer to a technique than to a magic. It was close to the body arts. With your ability, you should have been an apostle long ago. However, you are a student. Why the hell is someone like you a student? Who on earth are you? 」

Selena gave in to curiosity and asked. Because if she knew his secret, there was a chance for her to become stronger.

「I'm also interested」

Before he knew, Aishi pointed the ice blade at him. Aishi too wanted to know his secrets.

From the side, it looked like they were in position to finish Seiya off, but were hesitating.

Normally, the audience would have booed already.

However, the audience was long ago rendered speechless by the high-level fight, they couldn't utter a word. That's why everyone held their breath and watched the match.

Some were able to voice their thought, but there were no jeers and hate. On the other hand, Bagil was just quietly watching.

「Who knows, I have no idea what you are talking about.」

「Stop playing dumb! If you won't answer, I will shoot! 」

Selena rushed him for an answer and pressed the magic gun on his head. Aishi too was ready to pierce with her blade when the moment arises.

「This is the final warning. Answer」

「Did you think that I will be defeated that easily? 」

「Eh.....」

Seiya glared at Selena. His eyes contained an incredible killing intent and Selena faltered for a moment. She didn't falter only because of the killing intent, but also because of his pressure.

The atmosphere around him changed to that of the violence. The two were frightened by his sudden change.

And Seiya wasn't in a mood to let go of this opportunity.

Seiya used his right elbow to knock away the magic gun and the Hollins in his left hand to shatter the ice blade.

The two, who lost their weapons, glared at Seiya. However, the two's attention was quickly attracted to something else.

「Kiyaaaaaaaaaaaaa」

The appearance of Mona being blown away reflected in their sights. Selena and Aishi immediately rushed to catch her, but before they were able to, she crashed into the stadium wall.

「Mona?」

「Mona-senpai」

The two approached her.

「It's all right. I was just too complacent」

On other side, there was Yua with a big white hammer and the adult version of Lily wearing a bewitching smile.

# Chapter 64: Mona's Efforts

A while back, when Selena thought of using『Atos』against Seiya.

Yua and Lily were engaged in the fierce fight. Mona was manipulating the wind to launch her knives and Yua was striking them down.

Aishi aimed at the opening when she struck down another knife and released an arrow from her ice bow, but Lily blocked it with her water.

「Big sister!」

「Leave it to me」

Yua let go of the Yuriel and, at the same time, created Yurial and released a light arrow at Aishi.

Since Aishi just released an arrow, she still didn't create another.

Yua released a single arrow. The light arrow flew at Aishi in a straight line.

Convinced that a single arrow won't hit her, Aishi jumped sideways. However, in the next moment, she lost her words.

The reason is, it was supposed to be only one arrow, but there was an uncountable number of arrows in her line of sight.

And all those arrows were flying at Aishi.

「Why」

Thought Aishi, while still in mid-air. There was supposed to be only one arrow. That arrow didn't show any signs on splitting or multiplying upon its release.

That was Aishi's miscalculation.

The arrow was indeed one, it didn't split or multiply. However, when the arrow flew through the air, it dropped off mana particles due to air resistance.

Yua used those particles to create more arrows, but since they were just particles, she couldn't make them change their direction and attack her from all sides.

There, Yua took advantage of the wind.

To manipulate her knives, Mona constantly generated chaotic streams of wind.

She used the wind to move those particles into the various parts of the stadium. In that way, she was able to make it look like the arrows were shot from all sides of the stadium.

However, Aishi, who wasn't aware of that, lost her calm demeanor. Even if they are the strongest student council, they didn't have that many chances to fight truly strong opponents.

And right now, an uncountable number of light arrows flew her way.

「This is the end.....」

Yua was convinced of her victory. The chaotic flows of wind suddenly stopped and Yua and Lily felt as if the gravity became stronger. And the light arrows hit the ground right before reaching Aishi.

The cause was, of course, Mona.

「『Heavy Winds』. I won't let you take out Aishi so easily」

「Thank you very much, Mona-senpai.」

「It's fine, don't worry」

That being said, Mona had no way to affect the gravity. She forced the wind to blow perpendicularly towards the ground, thus creating the pseudo-gravity pressure

「More than that, Aishi, please help Selena. She seems to be struggling quite a bit」

「All right」

Mona witnessed Selena's strongest spell being broken. Considering her possible mental state, she sent Aishi to reinforce her. (TN: I feel like I didn't comment on anything for a while, so here it is. From now on I will write in blue)

However, that wasn't her only reason. She was personally anxious.

Mona remembered her baseless wariness towards him, when she met him for the first time. She didn't feel any ill intent, but her intuition told her to stay

cautious.

As if there was something mysterious inside of him.

That's why, she thought of Seiya as a target of highest priority in this final match. I can stop Lily and Yua for a while by myself. In that time, I want you to defeat Seiya, or so she hoped.

「Is it fine.....letting her go?.....」

「It will work out. If it is for a little while, I can fight with you by myself. Besides, I'm an older sister here」

「I was underestimated.....」

「Horrible! 」

「Ufufu」

At that time, Mona made two mistakes.

First, putting too much attention to Seiya and underestimating Lily and Yua. Second, the fact that she told them about it.

She unintentionally motivated them with her remarks.

「Lily...Let's go....」

「Un! 」

Yua created the Yuriel again and enveloped it in the light-attributed mana. Lily created even more water, agglomerating it in a sphere twice the size of the previous one.

Looking at the two, Mona changed her expression. Compared to before, they were dead serious.

「『Hurricane』」

Mona moved first. She channeled her mana into the cane and activated a spell. However, it wasn't different from before, it created the same chaotic wind again.

Just as before, the knives were spinning behind her.

「I will push, so I will count on your assistance.....」

「All right!」

While on her guard, she buffed her legs and increased her speed. And just like that, she aimed to pierce through Mona. (TN: Can I use “buff” to describe the “rise” aspect of light? Please? It is so convenient)

「I won't let you」

However, Mona wasn't about to ignore it. She launched the knives rotating behind her at Yua.

But Yua had already seen through her knife attack. While easily avoiding the knives, she approached Mona. However, when there was a meter between them, she suddenly felt the pain.

「??」

Yua stopped accelerating and fell on the spot. Not willing to let go of this opening, she used all of her knives to attempt to stab her.

But the knives collided with a water wall and never reached Yua.

After deflecting the knives, the water wall enveloped Yua and carried her to Lily, who was behind.

「Big sister?」

「I'm fine....Thanks, Lily....」

Flustered Lily pulled her out of the water and called her. Fortunately, the wounds weren't fatal, so she won't retire prematurely.

However, the fact that she didn't retire hadn't solved the problem.

The knives that only attacked her from the front before, somehow, ended up behind her back. Without knowing the reason, she won't be able to engage in the close combat.

「Just how did she....」

Unexpectedly, Mona answered her mutterings.

「I will let you hear about『Hurricane』's power. What I used before was『Tempest』, basically, storm. It is stronger than an ordinary wind, but it could only move straight. It was enough before this match, but it won't work with you. That's why, I took a liberty to use『Hurricane』, or tornado. Do you

know the difference between a storm and a tornado? 」

Listening up to this point, Yua already understood.

「Direction of the wind.....」

「Correct. A storm only blows in one direction in a large area. However, although a tornado is smaller, it rotates. In short, you can make wind blow from all directions simultaneously. Until now, I wasn't able to immediately use the deflected knives again, but with this, I do not need to bother with it anymore」

Mona declared that she had no openings, and it was true for a certain standpoint.

When you try to approach her, the knives will fly your way. Even if you avoid them, they would attack from behind.

In other words, the closer you are to Mona, the more knives would be behind your back.

(With this, I should hold for a while. My friends, please defeat that man swiftly)

Mona showed a relaxed expression, but inwardly, she was very nervous.

『Hurricane』is more advanced than『Tempest』and consumes much more mana. That's why, the longer the battle will last, the harder it will be for her to maintain it.

Mona tried to maintain a stalemate as long as she could. Plus, she also had a trump card.

「Lily」

Yua whispered to Lily.

「All right!」

「I wonder what it is? Do you have a plan? 」

「If it is a plan, we have one.....We will defeat you....」

「I see」

You could see the confidence on Yua's face.

# Chapter 65: Nature of a Woman

Mona was convinced that Yua came up with a plan, but an intense fight will only increase the mana consumption, so she thought of buying some time.

On the other hand, Yua cast a new spell.

「『Channel Light』」

When she finished, her appearance changed. Of her two pretty eyes, only the right one was enveloped in light-attributed mana.

Looking closely, both of her legs and her right arm were like that too.

Her figure resembled Seiya's when he was wearing『Mantle of light』.

「Time to end this」

Yua said so and dashed while accelerating. That acceleration was in a different league compared to the last time.

「Useless」

Mona released the knives behind her back one after another. The knives were approaching the speed of sound.

In response to Yua's acceleration, the knives accelerated too.

Yua closed her left eye and concentrated on the right one.

The color disappeared and the world became monochrome. The knives flew at her as if in slow motion. One after another, she split the knives with the tip of the Yurriel.

The knives were split apart and fell on the ground, while Yua approached Mona and struck. However, the moment her strike was about to land, it was prevented by something.

「I never expected of you to find the weakness of my knives so soon」

Mona showed a surprised expression.

「Your knives' movements are based on『Wind Way』.....You need to create『Wind Way』according to the size of an object you want to guide..... That's why you have so many knives of the same design.....And if the size is predetermined, you just need to change it.....」

That was the base of Yua's confidence.

「Correct. You guessed the principle correctly. However, it seems you missed something. The fact that『Hurricane』is deployed around my body too」

That was Mona's insurance.

She concentrated『Hurricane』around herself since a while ago to form a wind shield. Moreover, that shield, depending on the speed of the wind, can be as hard as steel.

And seeing her weapons, Yuriel and Yurial, Mona was convinced that she wouldn't be able to pierce the shield.

Furthermore, since Lily was always staying behind, she didn't expect another attack. But that thinking was the cause of her defeat.

「Don't relax.....」

「Eh?」

With her attention completely on Yua, she neglected Lily in the back. In the next moment, thick water cylinders attacked Mona from various directions.

The water cylinders enveloped the area around Mona before she noticed. The audience wasn't able to see inside.

Just before drowning in the water, Mona changed the shape of『Hurricane』around her and formed a sphere to protect herself.

「Ara~? I wonder if you will be able to protect yourself with just this」

A bewitching voice reverberated in the world of water.

That voice wasn't the Lily's voice that Mona knew. Looking around, she found a woman.

That woman had similar face to Lily, but she failed to associate them with the same person.

「Who are you?」

「Me? I'm Lily Arunia」

「You are telling me to believe it? 」

Instinctively, she understood that the woman before her was Lily.

The mana of each and every magician is unique, just like the fingerprints. The mana of that woman closely resembled that of Lily's. But even if she understood it instinctively, it was hard to accept from the standpoint of common sense.

「Who on earth are you?」

「Let's see, how about Seiya-kun's mistress?」

「Is that so」

Having the woman with two forms as a mistress, Seiya has it hard, thought Mona. At the same time, she was also astonished by him being to make this woman his own.

However, deep inside of Mona, a different feeling was born.

「A woman with split personalities is a source of trouble」

Yes, she felt an instinctive rejection to adult Lily.

I don't know the reason, but I'm somehow irritated, or something like that. On the other hand, Lily had the same feeling regarding Mona.

What happened after was just the woman's quarrel.

「I'm still better than a shady woman who always hides behind the wind」

「Who is shady here? Aren't you, who hides inside the little girl, the shady one? 」

There was no magic involved, only words.

「Now you said it. Aren't you always pretending to be a good girl to look cool? 」

「Huh? There is no way I would do such a thing」

「See? Where is your polite speech now? Your true nature finally came into the light. Even though your looks are decent, who knows what are you thinking inside? 」

「I don't want to hear it from an aged woman who hides inside the little girl」

「Aged woman?」

「Yes, that's right. You aren't the student, however you look at it」

「You should call me a big sister. That's why I don't like brats like you」

「By calling me a brat, you already admitted that you are an aged woman」

「Haa? 」

「Haa?」

At that time, the two understood why they hated each other.

In simple words, they were too similar, meaning, they were both wearing masks. That's why, they instinctively hated each other.

(TN: Below, I translated on the next day after above, I wonder if there is a difference)

In truth, the two entered inside the water cylinder before they noticed. And water was moving inside of this cylinder as if in a pipe.

The fact that water was flowing indicated the existence of an entrance and an exit. (TN: Yeah, confusing, I know)

The water cylinder was just like that. Even while arguing with Mona, Lily controlled the water, while waiting for the right timing.

Meanwhile, seeing the cylinder, Yua distanced herself from the scene and decided to rest her body for a little. The spell, 『Channel Light』, which she used before, was an inferior version of 『Mantle of Light』.

Seiya's 『Mantle of Light』 is able to raise the ability of the whole body, including the brain, by covering the body in the light-attributed mana. However, it has a certain risk associated with it.

It is a dangerous spell that could only be used in conjunction with his dark element.

On the other hand, 『Channel Light』 enhances the ability of only selected parts of the body. Comparatively, it is not that risky.

By selecting the right part, even without the full coverage, it could be compared to 『Mantle of Light』 in some aspects.

That being said, it's not like it doesn't place any burden on the caster. Yua's legs were on the verge of giving up. She enhanced her legs before, but that time, she enhanced the eye and the brain too. The resulting acceleration was much bigger than before, her legs couldn't withstand the burden. (TN: Don't know how it leads to the bigger acceleration, but all right)

Without any other choice, she used the holy magic, although a little. She used『Holy Song』a spell with regenerative effect. With that, her legs reverted to the state before acceleration.

With her body fixed, she needed to give birth to a weapon that would be able to defeat Mona.

Mona's barrier was hard to breach. If you can't cut or pierce it, it is okay to just smash it. With her thoughts going in that direction, she created another weapon.

「Yuriul」

The weapon created by Yua was a giant white hammer with a golden line on it.

However, it was too heavy for her to carry. For that purpose, she used『Channel Light』again, this time, on her arms.

With her increased strength, she was finally able to lift it.

Being able to wield the hammer, she stood in the designated place. The place where Lily will eject Mona from the water tube.

That's why, Yua quietly waited.

Meanwhile, inside the water cylinder.

「Old lady should stop trying to demonstrate her seductiveness」  
「You don't need to be so upset because of your lacking sex appeal」  
「There is no way I'm upset」  
「Are you sure?」

The quarrel was still ongoing. But Lily's words were missing the previous sharpness since a while ago. Lily sneakily glanced outside.

(Yua-chan seems to be ready)

Lily made a small smile. However, Mona, who lost her cool, didn't notice.

「Well, it is time for kids to sleep」

「Huh?」

Mona furrowed her brows at Lily's statement.

「Eh?」

However, in the next moment, she finally noticed that she was falling.

Up until now, she felt like she was in a space without any gravity. But now, she was able to feel the gravity again.

In normal circumstances, she should have been able to react, but the sense of security from『Hurricane』made her relax her guard.

「This is the end.....」

「Eh?」

「If you can't pierce, smash.....」

Facing the water sphere with Mona inside of it, she took a stance with the Yuriul as if she was a home run batter. (TN: I know absolutely nothing about your baseball thingy, but it should be right)

Mona tried to use a spell, but she was too late.

Yua already initiated the take back and was ready to hit. (TN: I request enlightenment)

「Go.....」

Yua made a very artistic swing. The hammer flew parallel to the ground and hit the sphere, launching it like a bullet liner.

「Kiyaaaaaaaaaaaaaa」

And Mona collided with the stadium's wall.

「Mona?」

「Mona-senpai」

Selena and Aishi, who were supposed to deal with Seiya, immediately run up to her.

「I'm fine. I was too negligent」

The wind sphere was able to prevent the damage to a certain extent. Her polite speech surfaced again, but the adult Lily had no intentions to hide.

## Chapter 66: Lily's Power (adult version)

Mona felt a certain something upon colliding with the wall.

That is, they are too strong. It's not the difference in power or the teamwork. It is the difference in the attitude towards the fight. She felt they were different from herself.

Certainly, Yua is powerful and able to cast chantless, but before that, Mona felt her resolve to die in case she lost.

The same goes for Lily. Until now, she was just using her power in simple ways, but once she changed her form, her skill greatly increased and her attitude changed. Almost like she was resolved to protect something.

What Mona felt was right.

Before meeting Seiya, or, to be precise, before being involved in a plan of an advanced magician clan, Yua didn't have such a resolve. However, after their journey through the Great Dalis Canyon, her attitude underwent a change.

Yua fought her best and experienced death. That's why, she unconsciously thought that she would die if she lost.

The same was true for adult Lily too. In the past, she lived in the Great Dalis Canyon and fought to protect her home.

But since losing to Seiya, the desire to protect another Lily was born inside of her.

That resolve was reflected in the fight. The Lily of the past would have played with Mona inside of the water cylinder for a while. However, now, Lily was too focused on victory and immediately attacked.

In that way, the two were resolved to fight to the death. In truth, Selena and Aishi also noticed that.

The fact that those three fought completely differently from them.

Their own fight looked like a game in comparison. Their attitude was further fueled by the「Strongest three」title.

「Selena, Aishi」

「I know」

「I know」 (TN: I wish I could use different words for polite and non-polite “I know”)

「Then let's go」

「Yeah」

「Yes」

「「「It's our battle!」」」 (TN: Why do I get Strike the Blood vibes)

The three decided to fight seriously for the first time.

「Then I will start, I count on your assistance」

Selena dashed with the magic guns in her hands. The red magic stone shone and the fire-attributed bullets were shot.

She aimed for Seiya and Yua, those two. When they blocked the mana bullets, they always did so with their weapons. Selena aimed for that opening.

The bullets were going straight for Seiya and Yua.

「I have already seen through your mana bullets」

「Simple.....」

The two tried to deflect the bullets with their respective weapons. At this point, Yua switched to Yuriel again.

However, right before they were able to do it, the bullets curved as if a baseball player threw it.

And the mana bullets attacked them from the sides.

「Chi」

「This is.....」

The two soon figured out. The perpetrator behind the sudden curve was Mona.

Towards the bullet, she cast『Wind Way』to change its trajectory. But for Mona, it was a gamble.

After all, 『Wind Way』required her to set the size and weight of an object in advance. In other words, she wasn't able to manipulate objects with the different size or weight at this moment.

「Lily」

「Yes~ Leave it to me」(TN: The bullet still flies towards you, you know)

Against the mana bullet, Seiya exercised 『Single Light』to strengthen his legs and dodged it. Yua follow suit and successfully dodged it too.

Lily, who received Seiya's orders, was ready to attack.

「Water Snake」

The spell turned her right arm into multiple water snakes. The water snakes approached Mona.

The water snakes closed in on Mona, following Lily's will. That's how it should be. After all, they were created with Lily's fingers as a base. It almost felt like she simply stretched her hand.

Mona was watching the water snakes with a grin.

「Naive. 『Tempest』」

Right after, Lily's water serpents were repelled by something. Lily searched for this something that repelled her fingers, and found it rolling on the ground.

There, were several bullets reflecting the sunlight.

Their size was visibly the same as the mana bullets from before. Most likely, the weight was the same too.

「This is ice, right?」

Lily immediately understood. The bullets rolling on the ground were created by Aishi.

By created the bullets of the same size and weight, she made it possible for Mona to manipulate them.

Normally, it is impossible to create a complete copy of an object made from mana using ice.

After all, the size and the mass of an object made from mana changes

depending on the motivation and condition of a caster.

It's impossible to produce it continuously without concentrating on it on purpose. However, there are no magicians who are able to be conscious of it every single moment.

Instead of concentrating on it, it is better to put your efforts in the casting and firing speed.

However, this time is different. Each one of Selena's bullet is completely identical to the previous one.

After all, they can't pass through『Wind Way』otherwise. Selena's magic bullets were made with that in mind. That means that the size and the mass were already predetermined before. (TN: Sheesh, let's cut to the chase)

Knowing the size and mass, it was possible for Aishi to reproduce it.

「You reproduced them from ice」

「Correct」

That voice came from behind. Lily quickly turned around and found Aishi with a one-handed sword in her hand.

Against approaching Aishi, Lily directed her right arm, which returned to original form, Aishi's way and cast a spell.

「Water Cannon」

「Tempest」

In that timing, Mona cast『Tempest』. However, Lily didn't care in the slightest. At that time, Lily was sure that she had nothing to control with it. (TN: “However” and “but” are this author's favorite words, I swear)

Lily's confidence was justified. But Mona didn't aim for it in the first place. Immediately after, Lily, who tried to attack Aishi disregarding Mona, sense an abnormality. Lily frowned and lost her balance.

That was Mona's true intention. With her head and right hand turned behind her, her center of gravity shifted. Mona, who was able to perceive that, broke her balance with just wind alone.

With her balance crumbled, the water cannon, of course, didn't hit Aishi. Aishi

took advantage of it and slashed with her sword.

「I won」

Aishi was convinced of her victory and Lily agreed with her.

Seeing the ice sword approaching her, she was sure of her defeat. In those circumstances, it was too late to cast a spell and dodging was impossible too.  
(TN: Come on Lily. You wrecked Seiya and Yua before)

(It's my loss.....)

She was prepared to lose.

(It's not the end yet)

(Eh?)

At that time, she heard a voice in her head. Right after, the light wall appeared above her and repelled Aishi.

The yellow wall that appeared above her was of course Seiya's『Wall of Light』.

(Finish it, Lily!)

(Thank you, Seiya-kun)

Lily, who was saved by Seiya, immediately recovered. At the same time, the light wall disappeared and Aishi lost her momentum and fell down.

She tried to correct her posture, but due to rebound of the light wall, she continued to fall down.

Aishi was falling down. Against such Aishi, Lily unleashed the finishing move.

「Sword of a water fairy『Nymph』」

She turned her body and lifted her palm towards Aishi. However, nothing came out from her hand. Aishi looked completely fine.

You can think that it was some kind of failure. However, soon enough, an abnormality occurred.

When Aishi landed on the ground and pointed her sword towards Lily, she suddenly collapsed.

「Aishi?」

Mona called Aishi, but the silence was her answer. Forget about an answer, she didn't even move.

「What did you do to Aishi?」

Mona asked Lily.

She didn't have any external wounds or other traces of receiving an attack. Lily's last attack was supposed to be a failure. That being said, Aishi suddenly fell down and lost her consciousness.

Mona wasn't able to comprehend this.

「Who knows」

However, Lily had no intention to answer, she had no such duty.

Actually, her previous attack was successful. It didn't misfire and properly reached Aishi.

Certainly, there were no external injuries, but the same wasn't true for the insides. That spell agitated the water that naturally existed inside the human body.

More than half of the human body is made from water. In other words, agitating the water inside of her was the same as shocking more than half of her body. (TN: Sure....?)

Because of that, Aishi's body malfunctioned and was in no condition to move.

「Instead of worrying about other people, you should worry about yourself more. You don't have your little bullet-maker now」

「Keh...」

Lily initiated a new spell by gathering vast amounts of water behind her and forming a sphere. The water sphere rapidly expanded and revealed a giant dragon's figure.

「Gedo-chan. This is the end」

Together with the water dragon, Gedo-chan, she attacked Mona.

# Chapter 67: Operation Delta

TN: Changed Selena Phoenix to Selena Fenix

Meanwhile, Yua and Seiya engaged Selena.

Yua was fully concentrated on Selena, but Seiya was wary of his surroundings. By tying down Mona and Aishi, they successfully isolated Selena.

「This is dangerous」

Faced with this situation, Selena muttered while sweating profusely. After Aishi's defeat, Mona was at a considerable disadvantage.

Mona performs as a support most of the time, she isn't suited for close combat. That's why, her current circumstances weren't favorable in the slightest.

Selena tried to cast a spell to change the current situation, but Yua didn't give her any time. In a normal fight, Selena should have been able to chant while fighting. However, she didn't have such a leeway against Yua.

She was that quick.

「Mona!」

「Yeah, I agree」

The two confirmed with an eye contact. That was their last plan, in case they were forced into a corner. However, that plan required Aishi's participation. Fortunately, Aishi didn't retire yet.

In other words, there was a possibility of Aishi's revival. The two gambled on that possibility.

「Operation Delta」

「Operation Delta」

「.....」

Toward Mona's and Selena's words, everyone expressed their vigilance. Seiya

cast『Mantle of Light』, just in case of emergency. Yua readied the Yuriel and Lily joined Seiya and Yua.

「What will happen?」

「No idea.....」

「Seems dangerous」

The three further increased their vigilance upon witnessing Selena gathering her mana.

Mana gathered in the center of her body and she leaped in the air with full force. That being said, she only leaped three meters high.

However, it was enough.

After she leaped in the air, Mona hugged her from behind. Mona gathered all of the wind she could and flew into the sky. That being said, her flying capability was limited. (TN: Gattai!) However, even like that, it was enough for the Operation Delta. Selena left her body to Mona and started chanting.

「Yurial」

「Water Laser」

Against Mona and Selena floating in the air, Yua, with the Yurial, and Lily, with water laser, launched a powerful assault. However, the two's attacks were dodged by Mona.

「Fire of will, light of heart, maiden's sentiments, dragonfly's proof, shrine maiden of the flame dragon『Guardian Dragon of the Shrine Maiden of the Fire Dragon Kagutsuchi』」 (TN: ....Ok) Selena put all of her mana into the magic guns and pulled the triggers. The magic stones shined brightly and fired the red mana.

And the mana swiftly changed its appearance.

The two fire dragons were revealed. The dragons descended from the sky while eyeing Seiya's group.

「Lily and I will take one each, Yua is a support」

「Understood.....」

「Roger」

The three immediately acted.

Using『Mantle of Light』and Limit Break Seiya faced one of the dragons. However, it didn't seem to receive any damage no matter how he cut it.

「Damn, it does look like I lack the power」

Just as he thought, the Hollins was just too small to inflict serious damage. He was able to scratch it, but didn't even come close to the finishing blow.

With the dark magic, he would have been able to easily annihilate it, but, once again, he couldn't use it.

「Then let's use that approach. Yua! 」

Seiya thought of an idea and called out to Yua.

「Wha.....?」

「Yua, rise my next spell as much as you can」

「Rise....? All right...」

Yua had no idea what he was about to do, but she had a firm believe in her fiancé.

「With this, I will put an end to this」

Following those words, Seiya switched the mana around the Hollins. The Hollins was wrapped in the water-attributed mana.

Seiya swung the water mana-wrapped Hollins and released a strike towards the fire dragon. Then, he shouted towards Yua.

「Now, Yua」

「All right.....」

As she was told, she launched her own light-attributed mana with Seiya's spell as its target.

The change happened abruptly. Yua's light-attributed mana wrapped around Seiya's water-attributed mana. Then, enhanced calming effect assaulted the fire dragon.

And at almost the same time, Lily's Gedo-chan attacked another dragon.

The dragons were defeated almost simultaneously. However, the flames from

the dragons gathered together on the ground without being extinguished.

「This is.....Yua, Lily, come here」

Seeing the fire's behavior, he immediately summoned Yua and Lily. Feeling the unusual impatience in his voice, they quickly rushed to his side.

Once he confirmed their arrival, he immediately cast triple『Wall of Light』in the shape of a dome.

「Seiya.....?」

「Seiya-kun!?!」

The two were surprised at unexpected usage of defensive magic.

「Yua, two more『Wall of Light』, Lily, coat the walls with water. The dragons are planning to suicide」

Seiya briefly ordered and the two moved into action.

「All right.....『Wall of Light』」

「Roger that. Oh water」

By coating the five-layered light wall with water, its resistance to fire was increased.

The three were convinced that it was enough to deal with the shockwave.

However, Mona and Selena in the sky smiled at their behavior. Everything was going as planned. The rest depended on the last piece of the Operation Delta, Aishi.

They had no choice other than to leave the rest to Aishi. For Mona and Selena, who didn't have any mana left, that was their only hope.

Aishi, who had her body affected and lost consciousness, woke up upon flames gathering on the ground. However, her body still refused to listen to her.

Seeing the clumps of fire and Mona flying in the sky, she immediately understood. They truly initiated the final stage of the final plan, Operation Delta.

「Who would have thought」

Who would usually believe into an unconscious person, thought Aishi. But

more than that, she was happy that the two relied on her to such extent.

That's why, even though she wasn't able to move, she started chanting. At that time, for the first time in her life, Aishi desired to win from the bottom of her heart. (TN: Regretfully, you aren't MC) Aishi Absona was a genius from birth. Since she was birthed in an advanced magician family, she was educated regarding magic from early days.

With her talent, she obtained enough strength to not put anyone of the same generation in her eyes. However, her enthusiasm and desire for victory slowly wore down.

When she entered the academy, she very soon tasted defeat at the hands of a person of the same generation. Her opponent was Selena Fenix, who was one year older than her.

Even though she lost by a small margin, she wasn't frustrated. That didn't change even when she decided to attend the Leiria Magic Tournament.

She participated in the last Leiria Magic Tournament with Mona and Selena.

They thought that they had a chance to win, but were immediately eliminated. Their opponents at that time were from Senabia Magic Academy.

Mona and Selena cried in frustration, but Aishi was thinking that the representatives of Senabia Magic Academy were just too strong, so she didn't cry.

However, now was different. Right now, I want to win for the sake of my friend who believed in me. That feeling was never present in Aishi until now.

That's precisely why I will absolutely complete this spell. Aishi swore in her heart.

「.....de.....snow.....cover.....」

Right when she started to chant, the flames exploded.

Zudooooooooon.

The explosion fueled by Selena's full power turned the arena into a burning hell.

The soil, that was damp after Lily's attacks, immediately dried up. The air was violently fluctuated under the high heat.

It was able to destroy three layers of walls that protected Seiya and the others.

Moreover, one of the remaining two was in tatters, so it wasn't wrong to disregard it.

If they didn't fortify the wall beforehand, they would have already become the ashes.

The unprecedented battle in the history of Arsenia Magic Academy reached its climax.

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「That was dangerous」

「Un.....」

「Amazing firepower」

The three walked out of the dome and looked at the duo soaring in the sky. From the looks of it, they already had no mana left.

Once they confirmed it, the three took out their weapons to end the long finals. (TN: About time, like, really)

「Regretfully, your last attack wasn't able to finish us. This is the end」

Hearing his words, Selena flashed a small smile.

「This wasn't our last attack. Aishi! 」

Selena screamed the name of the fallen Aishi. She had no idea whether she was conscious or not, whether she was able to cast or not. But it didn't matter.

Believing in your friend is a matter of course. Mona was of the same opinion. Mona too believed in her. (TN: Friendship power!)

「Yes」

Aishi stood up and quietly activated a spell. There was a firm will in her answer.

「Roar.『Snow Empire』」

Right after she cast the spell, an abnormality happened to Seiya's team.

「This is.....」

Unexpectedly, their hands, starting from the fingers, begun to freeze. The same was true for Aishi, her fingers were gradually covered in ice.

Seiya decided to cast『Mantle of Light』, but found himself unable to

manipulate his mana as easily as before. When he tried to do, he was unable to move his sluggish mana well.

Seiya's whole body was quickly covered in ice. Not only he, but also Yua and Lily met the same fate.

The three didn't move, just like a mannequin.

「It has finally ended」

Looking at their frozen appearance, Aishi breathed out a sigh, Mona and Selena, who were floating in the sky, joined her on that.

「I'm so tired, Aishi」

「Good work everyone」

「Yes」

Aishi usual expressionless face changed ever so slightly. (TN: Brace yourself for explanations)

That could be attributed to the change of her attitude during the fight. The three didn't have any mana left, so they waited for their hearts to stop beating and them retiring.

Operation Delta progressed as planned and was completed successfully.

Aishi's『Snow Empire』caused a myriad of tiny indiscernible snowflakes to appear in the air thus freezing the opponents.

Unknown to the opponents, the tiny snowflakes were able to enter their bodies to calm down their inner mana and stop the function of their body.

Because of that, the blood flow gradually slowed down leading to the decrease in body temperature.

Together with inner decrease in temperature, the snowflakes also gathered outside the body and added to the calming effect.

A body, after being calmed from inside and outside, gradually cease to function. That's why Seiya had problems with moving his mana around.

Operation Delta was the last plan that the student council came up with against Seiya's team.

First, Selena cast『Guardian Dragon of the Shrine Maiden of the Fire Dragon Kagutsuchi』 with all her power. It would have been great if it worked with just that, but she wasn't so optimistic about that.

Predicting that it wouldn't bring the desired results, she used it to buy some time.

『Snow Empire』classified as a top-class advanced spell and requires a considerable amount of mana to cast. Even Aishi was only able to cast it on one target and wasn't able to completely stop its body functions.

However, this time, she was able to completely freeze three targets at the same time.

Of course, there was a reason. Aishi simply didn't have enough mana to freeze three people. That's why she used the support.

『Snow Empire』's activation process always starts with producing enough water. This is a basic procedure for ice magic. You can't produce ice without any water.

Next step was about spreading the water around and crystallizing it in the small snowflakes and wait for the target to calm down.

In this process, producing water and spreading it around required the most mana.

Without this step, she would have been able to freeze five people.

That's why the student council decided to skip those two processes. They used Lily's water instead. Lily uses water as it is, unlike normal magicians, her water didn't contain any mana within it.

And such water was spread around the whole stadium. The ground was damp and had puddles in some places.

In other words, because of the excess of water in the stadium, the process of its creation was no longer necessary.

Then what about the target designation? Aishi didn't specify the target in the first place. Because the air was moist, there was no need to specify the target.

The water was in the air due to『Guardian Dragon of the Shrine Maiden of the

Fire Dragon Kagutsuchi』.

Selena incorporated the explosion in the final stage of her spell and Seiya's team immediately retreated under the dome of light, which was covered in water.

After the explosion, there was no water on the ground or the dome. Where did that water go? The answer is air. Due to the explosion, the water was swiftly vaporized and the vapors filled the air.

Those vapors were used in Aishi's spell. The vaporized water rose in the air. In other words, it was randomly scattered around the stadium.

After crystallizing it, it was no different from normal『Snow Empire』. That was the reason.

「Long.....」

Mona muttered as such.

The barrier set up around the stadium is supposed to retire the participants upon receiving fatal injuries or death.

At this point, they were frozen for one minute. It was about time for their heart to stop. However, there were no signs of them retiring at all.

Selena and Aishi also noticed this abnormality, an impatient expression surfaced if their faces.

「It can't be, their hearts are still beating!」

「No way」

Selena and Aishi became increasingly worried. Soon after, the ice around them cracked. The cracks spread around the whole surface and then it crumbled.

Their figures could be seen emerging from the inside.

「How did you.....」

Aishi lost her words at this unexpected development. That's only natural. After all, they, whose cells were supposed to halt their functions, were standing right before her.

「Full mana release」

「Eh?」

「I see.....」

「That's right. Once you perform full mana release, your whole body will become active for a moment. That's why, you can wrest control of your body and break out. That being said, you need to wait until your body was almost completely frozen」

As Lily said, they did full mana release right before their hearts stopped.

In other words, right before their deaths. When you release your mana at that timing, the brain uses the opening to take control of the body again.

Without being able to control your mana, full mana release is risky, but they didn't have much choice.

「Ridiculous.....」

「For you to be able of such a thing.....」

「Just how much mana do you have.....」

The three became speechless at their ridiculous methods.

On the other side, Seiya's team took out their weapons. Lily with the Hollins, Yua with the Yuriel and Seiya with the other Hollins.

In the next moment, victory and defeat were decided. The student council turned into dust and retired. (TN: I waited for this sentence so long)

Nevertheless, the whole stadium was enveloped in silence.

「Judge, it is over」

「Eh, ah. The winner is team 86! 」

After Seiya's reminder, the judge announced the result in a fluster. Hearing his voice, the audience came to their senses and loudly cheered.

Uoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

「Wow, that student council loooooost! The winners of Arsenia Magic Academy preliminaries for the Leiria Magic Tournament are Seiya Kiritsuna, Yua Arunia and Lily Aruniaaaaaaaa. The three are the representatives of our Arsenia Magic Academyyyyyyy」

Uoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

The competition in Arsenia Magic Academy was over under the loud cheers of the audience.

There were two men in the VIP room up high. One was a red-haired man overlooking the stadium, Leonardo. Another one was a blue-haired man in glasses, Zadman.

「We weren't able to use『Possession』. Regretful」

Said Zadman to Leonardo.

But Leonardo didn't look bothered by it at all. Leonardo planned to unearth Seiya's true nature in this final fight.

Leonardo aimed for Selena. When her strongest spell, 『Atos』was broken, she fell into despair. That was her weakest moment.

Leonardo tried to cast the spell on such Selena. However, it ended in failure. The reason is, Selena was able to overcome her weakness.

Aishi fought to protect Selena. Her action pulled Selena out from her despair. In the end, Leonardo wasn't able to do what he wanted.

However, Leonardo didn't mind, he had another purpose.

「Zadman, what is happening over there?」

「Yes, everything went as planned」

「I see」

After receiving Zadman's report, Leonardo grinned. But in the next moment, he felt a shock in his chest.

「Uh.....」

Leonardo suddenly coughed up blood. When he looked down, he saw an arm in the middle of his chest. To be precise, someone stabbed him from behind.

「Guh, you bastard.....」

「Good work up until now. You are of no use anymore」

The culprit behind an arm in his chest was Zadman.

「What is.....happening.....」

「Just as I said. You overdid things a bit. Even if you want the dark attribute so much, you attracted attention from an apostle」

「This is different.....from the deal.....」

Somehow spoke Leonardo. However, his body was already at its limit.

「You are right. Well you could say that you suffered because of your own greed」

「The hell.....」

「I was in your care all this time. Please rest in peace」

「Guha.....」

Zadman crushed his heart and Leonardo died. (TN: I never liked you anyway)

In that way, one fight has ended and a new one has begun.

# Chapter 69: Aquamarine

On the next morning after the fierce battle with the student council, Seiya woke up in his bed. But today he wasn't alone.

On top of the bed, he could see a figure of another person. It was Yua. Last night, she fell asleep in his room instead of her own. If it was as usual, Lily would have come with her, but last night, Yua came alone.

The reason is, Lily wasn't at home. At this time, she probably just woke up in Nari's house.

Yesterday, after the battle with the student council and the award ceremony, they joined with Nari and held a celebration party. There, Nari suggested Lily to spend a night in her house, and she ended up agreeing.

Therefore, Seiya and Yua spent a night with just the two of them for the first time in a while.

Seiya woke up Yua who was sleeping next to him. She was still a little sleepy, but today they couldn't afford to oversleep.

「Wake up, Yua」

「Mn, Seiya. Good morning....」

「O, good morning」

Yua greeted Seiya and lightly kissed him. Without any intention to evade, he accepted her kiss.

After the morning kiss, they went to the dining room for breakfast.

Raiga and Kana were already present there.

「So you woke up」

「Good morning. Both of you」

「Yeah」

「Good morning.....」

When the two took their seats, breakfast was brought out. And when

everyone started eating breakfast, Raiga opened a conversation.

「I didn't have a chance to tell you yesterday, but you officially became the representatives of Arsenia Magic Academy. In other words, you will compete in Leiria Magic Tournament. I think you are aware, but be careful about your power. The Holy Church hosts the Leiria Magic Tournament after all」 (TN: Should I change Leiria Magic Tournament to Leiria Magic Games?)

In reality, Leiria Magic Tournament exists to gather the outstanding magicians in one place. A festival, aimed to find the talents to join the Holy Church. That's why, they often scout excellent students during the tournament.

「It is all right」

「All right.....」

「I see」

Then, Kana changed the topic. Kana wanted to replace the heavy conversation with a light one. Such is a special magician's wife.

「By the way, are you two going to the Aquamarine today?」

Aquamarine is an annual festival to honor the water maiden held at the end of June. It is famous across the whole Leiria Kingdom. It starts in the city of Moru and lasts three days starting from today.

「Yeah」

「I'll go.....」

「Just the two of you?」

「That's how it seems to be」

「After all, Lily isn't here」

Seiya and Yua were in a mood to enjoy the Aquamarine.

Lily will go around with Nari and join them on the second day. Because of that, today, there were only two of them today.

「Yes, excessive flirting in public is prohibited」

Kana teased the two with a grin.

「It's fine, I will choose the right place first」

「Un.....」

「Ara」

「Haa」

Kana let their remarks slide while Raiga breathed a sigh. Breakfast concluded on that note.

Aquamarine became increasingly active after its opening, even more than Christmas Eve. There was twice the number of stalls, but more than that, the number of people was overwhelming.

It spanned across the 2-kilometer-long street, and was filled to the brim with people, to the extent that you needed to make an effort to proceed further. To make matters worse, the procession will pass here on the final day.

So the streets were filled to the brim on the first day and the third day. Seiya and Yua dived into this sea of people.

Both weren't in their uniforms, but in their casual clothes. Seiya was wearing black pants and short-sleeved shirt, while Yua was wearing a white one-piece dress and a gig straw hat.

Yua's white skin and white one-piece dress were complementing each other, to the extent that people turned around to look again. However, when they saw Seiya and Yua linking arms, the male population glared at Seiya.

However, Seiya didn't pay any attention and enjoyed the festival.

「Even so, it's amazing」

「Every year is amazing.....」

「Are you coming every year?」

「Un.....because of my father's work.....」

「I see. Did you get tired of it? 」

「No.....I'm together with Seiya, so it's fun.....」

「Thanks」

Towards the sweet space that the two created, people around them felt as if they ate too much cotton candy, it was that sweet.

The two immediately forgot Kana's warning. That wasn't surprising. They weren't able to do it leisurely since a while ago.

With the fan club, the royal guard, the student council, they weren't able to spare too much time for themselves, they intended to fully enjoy their time together. At that time, Yua found a certain someone.

「Seiya....that.....」

「Nn? This is.....fate, I guess」

Seiya looked at “someone” with a bitter smile. The other side seemed to notice them too and asked.

「So lolicon also came here?」

「I'm not a lolicon, bird woman」

「What? Bird woman?!」

「Was I wrong? Fenix is an immortal bird, right? 」

「That doesn't mean that I'm the bird woman」

Yua ended up discovering the members of the student council, who they fought yesterday. By the way, you probably understood, but the bird woman was referring to Selena.

「You came to sightsee the Aquamarine too?」

「Yes, that's right. Also, although late, congratulations on the first place 」

「Yeah, thanks」

After they defeated the student council yesterday, they didn't meet each other.

The three lost their consciousness and simply weren't able to. This was their first meeting since the finals. The three were in their casual clothes instead of their uniform.

Selena was wearing black knee socks and a mini skirt, paired with a somewhat childish t-shirt.

Mona was wearing a one-piece dress like Yua, but unlike her, she had bulges where there should have been bulges, it was slightly erotic.

Aishi had a white t-shirt, hot pants and sandals. Easy-to-move outfit.

The three's appearance was pleasing to the eye and gathered the attention of the surrounding males since a while ago. Of course, the jealous stares for Seiya

were included. (TN: I imagine males as zombies, just beauties instead of brains)

「I must say, your last plan was impressive. The last freezing spell was exceptionally dangerous」

「Un.....dangerous.....」

The conversation inevitably touched upon the topic of the fight.

「Thank you very much. I never thought you would be able to overcome that」

「That's right. I thought it was our absolute victory」

「Well, let's forget about yesterday and enjoy ourselves」

「Agreed」

The six rode on Mona's proposal and decided to enjoy the festival. But Seiya suddenly remembered something.

「Hey, bird woman」

「What?」

「Thanks」

「Haa? For what? Do you want to thank me for wasting all of my mana yesterday? 」

Hearing her words, Seiya spontaneously laughed. The same was true for the rest of the crew. Everyone knew what he meant, except for Selena. (TN: I have no idea too)

「Wrong. It's Lily. You took care of Lily yesterday. It is about that」

「So it is about that. You don't really need to worry. She is Nari's friend. Besides, Lily-chan is cute」

Nari's house, where Lily is staying, is also Selena's house, since she is Nari's older sister.

「I see」

「Yeah」

「See you then」

「Yes, see you later」

The group split up here. However, at this time, a voice reverberated in his head.

(.....ya!.....ya! Disaster!)

(What's wrong, Lily?)

(Seiya! Disaster! Nari's mother was kidnapped)

(What?)

Hearing the telepathy, he immediately grabbed Selena by the arm and dashed.